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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

To-day.

(May 8.)

Clerk Clark Cup (Hockey) Competition: Winners (H.K.L.H.C.) v. The Rest, King's Park, 5.15 p.m. and presentation of prizes.

Queen's Theatre: "Passion Flower."

World Theatre: "The Mysterious Rider."

Central Theatre: "Love Among the Millionaires."

Mei Lan Fong at Ko Shing Theatre, 8 p.m.

Dances: Tea Dance, H.K. Hotel.

Dinner Dances, Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, and Hotel Cecil.

European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Kalyan). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Empir. of Russia), 10 a.m.

Saturday.

(May 9.)

Australian Federal Parliament opened 1901.

Sacred Hearts School Sports. Kowloon Football Club ground.

Entries for Lawn Bowls Singles Championship close.

Lawn Bowls:—First Division: C.S.C.C. v. Police, K.C.C. v. Kowloon Dock, Kowloon Bowling Green v. Craighower, Recreation v. Taikeo. Second Division: Craighower v. Bowling Green, Yacht Club v. C.S.C.C., Taikeo v. Recreation, Hong Kong Electric v. Kowloon C.C.

Queen's Theatre: "Passion Flower."

World Theatre: "The Mysterious Rider."

Central Theatre: "Love Among the Millionaires."

International Festival of Folk Dance and Song, Diocesan Girls' School, 3 p.m.

Mei Lan Fong at Ko Shing Theatre, 8 p.m.

European Mail.—Outward: Europe via Suez (Kalyan), 10.30 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (Tanda), 12.30 p.m.

Sunday.

(May 10.)

Fifth Sunday After Easter.

Recreation Sunday.

Queen's Theatre: "Paid."

World Theatre: "Three Arrows of Love."

Mei Lan Fong at Ko Shing Theatre, 8 p.m.

Dances: Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

PEN PICTURES OF AMERICA.

V.—LIFE IN HECTIC HOLLYWOOD.

"EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY, FOR—!"

(By J. E. SEWELL)

Hollywood, California, is needless to say the centre of the motion picture industry and is situated just outside the city of Los Angeles. This town, the Mecca of the world's handsome men is sometimes called the City of Heartbreaks and Grief. Many misguided boys and girls, who have been in some amateur theatrical production, have been advised by well-meaning friends that they would "go over" in the movies, and these raw recruits without any knowledge of the motion picture "game," throw away their chances in the home town and risk their money to come to Hollywood, to become the second Mary Pickford or Rudolph Valentino, but only, in fact, to find that the pictures have no place for them. Many of these people are so-far from home that they cannot see that they have no way to get back to their homes. Thus they are thrown on their own resources, with little or no training in any line, and cannot get work. There are thousands of young girls and boys who are starving in the so-called land of plenty. Many of these young people soon get into bad company and are started on a life of crime. A large percentage of the youthful bandits that are caught by the police received their start in Hollywood and Los Angeles.

A few years ago Hollywood shocked the world with reports of "wild parties" that took place in the city. A certain set of actors gave the city a reputation that it has not yet lived down. The newspapers made much of these escapades but they did not enlarge upon the truth. I have seen parties in the film colony that would rival the old Roman orgies. Some of these parties cost in the neighbourhood of ten thousand dollars and the saying of "easy come easy go" is well applied to the money of these mad hosts. The actors spend their enormous wages in a reckless manner and as a result many find themselves, when they "go out of fashion," reduced to dire poverty. One can read many of these stories in motion picture publications. Many actors of to-day realize that their motion picture life is limited, and, it is said, the average film life is only five years. The staid people are now placing their salaries in sound concerns and thus assure themselves of a comfortable living when their vogue passes.

Some years ago the motion picture studios were open to public inspection, but so many tourists and aspirants took advantage of this that the directors were forced to close the doors and allow no one

to enter without proper authority. Many people go to Hollywood to see how pictures are made, only to find themselves ordered away in no uncertain manner. The studios themselves are very interesting and there is much to see there. The massive buildings that appear on the screen are really just framework painted to represent some place, and the scenes that are supposed to take place in these buildings are taken on an open air stage. I saw the filming of a train wreck and to my great surprise found that the trains were only models, yet when the picture was shown on the screen it looked perfectly realistic. Of course many scenes cannot be "shot" in this manner and much money and time is spent in getting the proper effect. We sometimes go to the pictures to see our favorite stars and see them in some hazardous action, and we fondly imagine that the actor is really risking his life for our amusement, but the lives of the stars are too valuable to take such chances and the dangerous work is done by some "dare devil" who resembles the star enough to satisfy the camera. These men receive very low pay for the work that they do and the risks that they take. They usually sign a contract that will release the motion picture company from any liability and they take all of the chances.

The city of Hollywood is very beautiful, and the homes of the stars are all there or in one of the popular suburbs. Hollywood Boulevard, famed all over the world, divides the town. This famous street is a woman's paradise, as here are shown the latest fashions from the leading designers. There are also many large restaurants along this street where the film stars can often be seen. There are wonderful theatres in Hollywood Boulevard and two of the largest studios. At night, when the lights are on, the scene is astonishing, and well lives up to reputation. All of Hollywood life can be seen and the shops are busy. The night clubs in and around Hollywood have their interest but only the very rich can afford to go for the cover charges alone are enormous. The entertainment is of the best that can be got and the finest music talent of America plays for a party can be found in these clubs and often the entire place is rented out for some special occasion.

Hollywood is one of the cleanest towns in the United States and, of course, the usual Southern California architecture predominates. The streets are wide and well kept and the homes are dignified. Building restrictions are rigidly enforced and only certain types of design are allowed.

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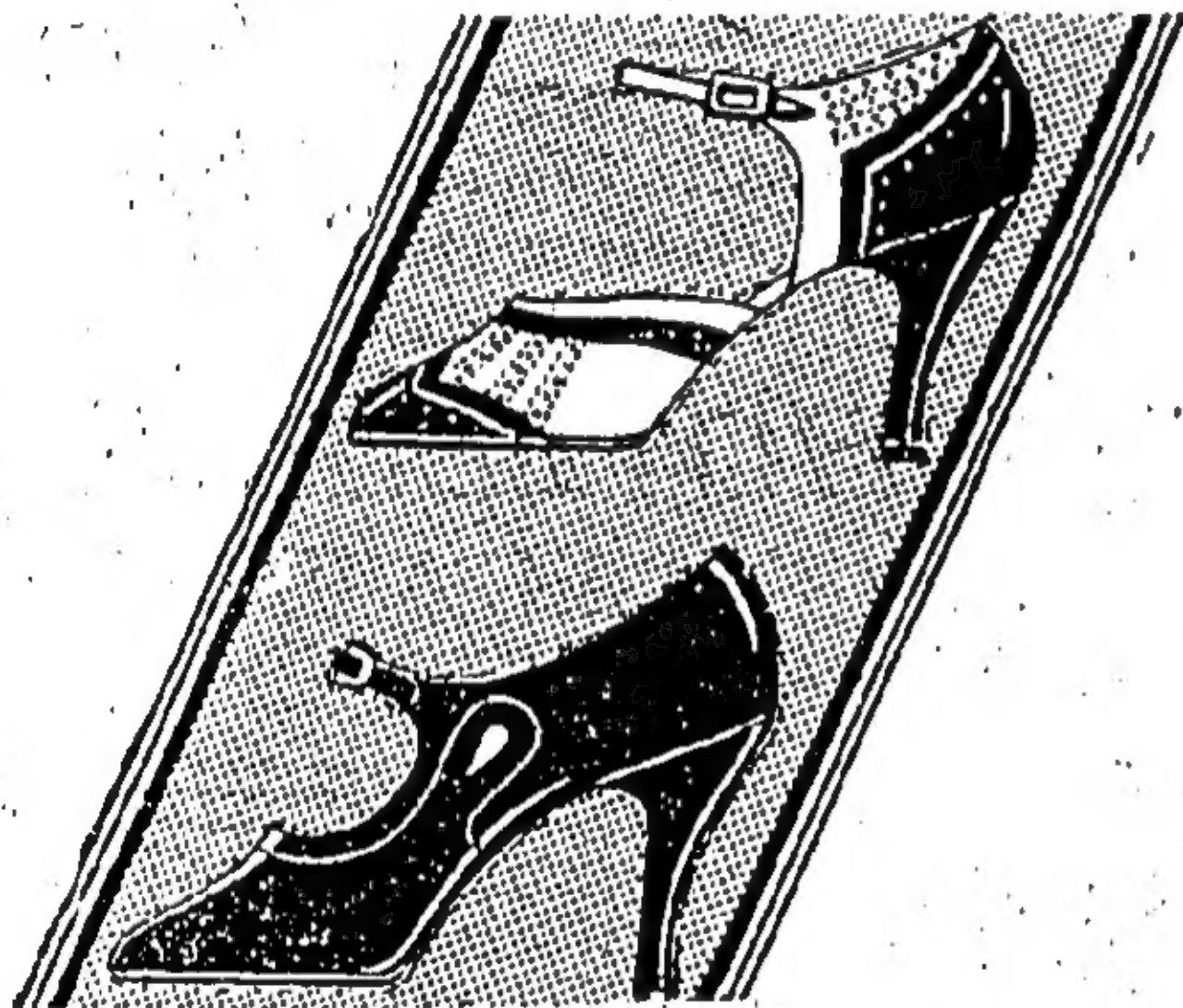
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Ladies' Salon.

WOMAN'S PAGE.

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**ROUND THE SHOPS.**

[By "EVE."]

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.—Fashion is still loyal to those dainty, filmy, printed fabrics that captured the fancy of so many women last Summer. This season the designs are lovelier than ever, and whether a riot of rich colour is preferred, or subdued shadowy tints, it is possible to indulge one's individual taste among the new collection of dainty morning, afternoon and semi-evening frocks at The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop. One very charming frock in cotton georgette, patterned with flowers and their foliage, is combined with fine lace, the result being an enviable gown that would serve for many different occasions, and thus is not only delightful but extremely useful. One of the joys of shopping at The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop is the wide choice of models as new shipments arrive every ten days. With these delightful summer frocks are seen new models of the celebrated "Catalina" and "Mayfair" Hats, which appear to be the name of elegance and style.

Whiteaway's.—It is so easy to make a little girl look pretty this season, for all the summer party frocks for the tiny tot seen at Whiteaway's, are so very lovely. Fashion has decreed that small patternings shall be used this season, so when choosing styles for the kiddies you have an even larger choice than usual. There are also the pretty pastel shades in organdie, voile, fine cotton, silk and artificial silk. Pink flowers patterned on white forms the colour scheme of a becoming little organdie frock, which is ideal for party wear. To show you how perfectly delightful a plain frock may look, there are some lovely

on the side of a blue kid opera pump; a serpentine strip of matt kid that forms a narrow instep strap with a little side openwork, on a black crepe brocade pump; and the formal afternoon Oxford of kid and suede with intricate strips of the suede applied on the front and sides of the shoe. Suede seems to be the favoured medium for the formal afternoon mode, with kid—daintily trimmed in reptiles—next, and fabric shoes holding third place.



little models in pale blue, pink and green in crepe de chine; pin tucks trim the bodice while tiny frills are sown on the skirt. From the mother's point of view it is most essential that any frock for the young folk shall be easy to tub. She thinks of all the hard wear they are likely to get and the many tubbings they will have to endure, and she decides that what she must have are frocks that can be popped into the washtub without a second thought, and after they have been whisked over with the iron once or twice, will look like new once more.

Gordon's.—Of the leathers for shoes, kid reigns supreme, with hardly any competitors other than suede. Opera pumps are deservedly favourites because they are more flattering to the leg than any other type of shoe. And this year, very unusual decorations are being used; for instance, triangular appliques of brown kid and lizard on a brown suede opera pumps with the daring three inch heel; or blue luster kid band and lizard inserts

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Lane, Crawford.—The more one sees of spring fashions the more does one admire the ingenuity of the dressmakers. Jacket, scarves and the feeling for embroidery are among the season's dress features, which are seen on the new two and three-piece silk ensembles at Lane, Crawford's and are put to a number of clever and ingenious uses. So kind is the jacket to all figures that it is not surprising to find it cropping up not once or twice, but over and over again. A touch of colour ingeniously introduced is the hallmark of some of the newest frocks. On a frock of white crepe de chine herringbone in a braided effect is used on a jabot and is repeated down the front of the pouched bodice. The half-length coat worn with it is in blue with white spots in the same material.

Maison Marton.—Looking for a new spring outfit is a more than usually exciting business just now, when everyday discloses some new aspect of spring fashion. The best way to make certain of being perfectly satisfied is to study as many models as possible in order to decide between their respective merits. Then choose the model of your dreams and you are sure to be happy. It is not at all necessary to undertake a long pilgrimage to study the various aspects of fashion. All of them are illustrated in the salon of Maison Marton in Pedder Street, where all the latest models are always on view. Checked materials are used for outfits for all occasions. Some prefer plain materials and for them, too, there are numbers of models from which to choose, including one of silk, the tunic jumper, of which is decorated with horizontal rows of hemstitching as also is the sleeveless complementary coat.

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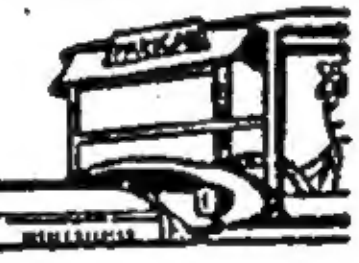
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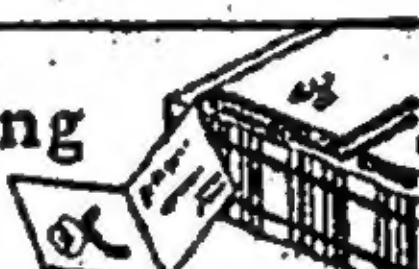
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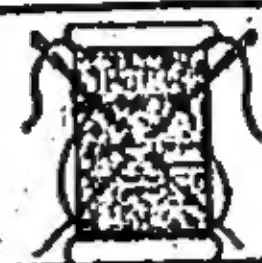
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"Tales of Hoffman" (Offenbach).—Victor Opera Company.—33375.
"Mignon" (Thomas).—Victor Opera Company.—35075.
"Aida" (Verdi).—Victor Light Opera Company.—33040.
7.20 to 7.35 p.m.—"Trio in D Minor" (Schumann).—Alfred Cortot-Jacques Thibaud-Pablo Casals.—M82.
8 p.m.—Local time, weather report, etc.
9.30 to 9.35 p.m.—

Wallace.

"Carmen Sylva" (Ivanovici).
"Eva" Waltzes" (Lehar-Schott).—International Novelty Orch.—35091.
"Valse De Concert" (Ginzounow).—San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.—8520.
"Love and Spring" (Waldteufel).
"Maytime" (Young-Romberg).—Nat Shilkret and the Victor (Bass).—8822.
9.25 to 9.40 p.m.—

Organ Solos.

"You Forgot to Remember."—Jesse Crawford.—19003.
"At Peace with the World."—"Valencia."—Jesse Crawford.—20075.
"After I Say I'm Sorry."—"The Prisoner's Song."—Jesse Crawford.—19080.
9.43 to 9.50 p.m.—

A Concert.

Piano Solo—"Caprice Espagnole" (Mozzkowski).
Piano Solo—"Bohemian Dance" (Smetana).—Wilhelm Bachaus.—7121.
Song—"Love Tide of Spring" (Betti-Glazounow-La Forge).—Lucereza Bori (Soprano).—3699.
Violin Solo—"Shepherd's Madrigal" (Kreisler).
Violin Solo—"Gypsy Caprice" (Kreisler).—Fritz Kreisler.—6712.
Piano Solos—(a) Moment Musical in F Minor" (Schubert). (b) "Impromptu in B Flat" (Schubert).—Wilhelm Bachaus.—7120.
Song—"Song of the Volga Boatmen" (Chaliapin and Keene-mann).—Feodor Chaliapin (Bass).—6822.
Violin Solo—"Lotus Land" (Cyril Scott).
"Hungarian Dance No. 17" (Brahms-Kreisler).—Fritz Kreisler.—0700.
9.30 to 9.45 p.m.—Relay of the News Reel from the King's Theatre.
9.45 to 10 p.m.—

Musical Comedy Tunes.

Gems from "My Maryland" (Donnelly-Romberg).—Victor Light Opera Company.—35516.
Gems from the "Desert Song".—Victor Light Opera Company.—35800.
Gems from "Countess Maritzka".—Victor Light Opera Company.—35809.
10 to 10.30 p.m.—Relay of "Play-hy of Paris" from the King's Theatre.
10.30 p.m.—Close down.

DR. MARIE STOPES.

WRIT FOR LIBEL AGAINST CARDINAL BOURNE.

Dr. Marie Stopes has caused a writ for libel to be issued against Cardinal Bourne, the Right Rev. Thomas Dunn (Bishop of Nottingham), Father Francis Henry, Father Henry Davies, S.J., and Mr. Joseph Edward Wells, solicitor, of Gray's Inn-square.

Dr. Stopes cites Cardinal Bourne as the chief proprietor of the "Tablet," and alleges that the others, excepting Father Davies, whom she accuses as the author of a certain article, share in the responsibility for what is published in that journal.

Father Henry, who is among those cited, died on July 11 last year.

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REPORT.

The Head of the Sanitary Department, Mr. G. R. Sayer, in the course of his report for the year 1930, states:-

The establishment was increased, by one First Class and one Second Class Inspector. The numbers of Inspectors on duty on January 1, July 1 and December 31 were 51, 43 and 40, respectively (Senior Inspectors included).

The administrative machinery as described in previous reports remained unchanged except for an experimental regrouping of certain health districts in Hong Kong involving two additional inspectors.

Refuse Collection.

There are now twenty refuse lorries in use, fourteen in Hong Kong and six in Kowloon. In addition a one-ton Ford truck was put into use at Kennedy Town Slaughter House to replace the buffalo cart. There was a drop of over 3,000 tons of refuse collected in Hong Kong and an increase of over 3,000 tons in Kowloon.

Tons.

(a.) Collection.—There were collected and delivered to the depots from City of Victoria including Hill district and outlying residence 64,500

(of which 63,000 were collected by motor lorry) from Kowloon, including Kowloon Tong and Kowloon City 32,500

(of which 27,000 were collected by motor lorry making a total of 97,000

or 205.75 tons per day).

The all in cost for Hong Kong was \$170,000 or \$2.09 a ton.

For Kowloon \$80,000 or \$2.44 a ton.

In addition some 5,330 tons of refuse was collected in rural districts (including Shauiwan) and burnt in incinerators.

(b.) Refuse Removal.—Some 103,500 tons (448 tons a day) was received at the depots. The difference between this figure and the figure stated above is due to a large quantity of refuse taken to the depots by private firms and individuals. Practically all the refuse from the City of Victoria was taken to sea by barges and dumped. All the Kowloon refuse, some 46,374 tons, was dumped at Cheung Sha Wan Reclamation.

The contractors for the removal of nightsoil from Victoria and the Kowloon Peninsula, Shauiwan, Aberdeen, Pokfulam and Apichau, and Stanley and Taitam, respectively, carried out their work satisfactorily.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. W. Pope) in the course of his report, states:-

Of the total number of nuisances reported in which action was taken 63 per cent. were abated after receipt of a letter. This is a small but welcome improvement over the corresponding figure (58 per cent.) for last year. Of 248 summonses 231 secured convictions, 8 were discharged, 3 withdrawn and 5 abandoned.

Each inspector has for supervision a district, with approximately 25,000 inhabitants, most of whom are ignorant of the rudiments of sanitation.

Births and Deaths.

The Head of the Sanitary Department is Registrar of Births and deaths.

The following births and deaths were registered during the year

	Births	Deaths
Chinese	11,134	16,082
Non-Chinese	378	208
Total	11,512	16,290

House Cleansing.

House cleansing was carried on continuously on five mornings a week throughout the year by the staff. The privilege of permitting certain occupants of premises to carry out house cleansing at their own convenience was continued and further extended during the year. The terms and conditions under which this concession was granted were, generally, complied with.

The usual domestic cleansing required by the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation by-laws was carried out during the year. No complaints as to the quality of the work done or of injury to property were received.

Rat Catching.

Thirty members of the Cleansing Staff were employed during the year setting traps, bird-lime boards and rat poison, also collecting rats from streets, shops, private premises, etc., and taking them to the Public Mortuary for examination. Special campaigns in March and September were undertaken when rat poison was distributed through-

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Kowloon 52,444

Of these none were found to be plague infected.

Samples.

Of samples of fresh milk submitted for analysis 52 were found to pass the standard and 2 to be below standard.

In addition the following samples of food and drugs were taken:- Cocoa 28, tinned butter 6, cheese 15, tea 21, cream 15, treacle 14, jam 13, bread 23, lard 1, butter 28, sugar 34 and flour 34.

Of the above, three samples of ten, 1 of butter and 1 of sugar failed to satisfy the legal requirements.

The following foodstuffs were seized and destroyed by order of the Head of Sanitary Department:- Sardines 4,080 tins, mushroom 563 tins, cocoa 34 tins, cream 331 tins, water chestnuts 6 tins, pears 5 bags, ham 1, tinned bacon 4 cases, dehydrated coconut 1 case and a quantity of salt eggs and oranges.

EXTRADITION CASE.

FUGITIVE TO RETURN TO AMERICA.

When the case in which the police are seeking an order for the return to the United States of Mrs. Jeng Shee was resumed before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday, Mr. Lowby, for the fugitive, told the Court that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, and further that he was instructed by his client that her attitude was just the same as it was right from the start—that she was anxious to return to America. She was prepared to go back now in company with Inspector John J. Cannon who had been sent over from the United States for the purpose and there was a boat sailing on Tuesday.

At this stage Mr. Fitzroy said that he would ask that the Magistrate remand the fugitive from

time to time until that date (in police custody). Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said, "I shall ask the American Consul to withdraw the requisition as the defendant is willing to go back in custody of Inspector Cannon. There is no need for an order to be made because that would mean a delay of fifteen days."

Fugitive was accordingly remanded until 10.30 a.m. on Saturday.

MAIL AT U.S. CONSULATE.

Mail has been received at the American Consulate-General for the following persons:- W. O. Arnold, L. Bruce, P. Dry, H. Eddo, Mrs. L. H. Garlington, Mrs. G. K. Hack, T. H. Haskell, D. G. Hospital, Mrs. H. R. Hyndman, Mrs. S. E. Johnson, D. Kanley, B. L. Kelly, G. H. Koster, C. B. Olivarius, O. Sika, Mrs. H. Stark, L. C. Tuckerman, Miss J. Williams, and H. H. Win-

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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"PASSION FLOWER."

Talkies have done away with too-white angels and too-black villains in our movies. This statement was made recently by William de Mille, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and director of the sensational Kathleen Norris story, "Passion Flower," which is being shown to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

"No one in the world is either totally bad or totally good," stated de Mille. "However, in silent pictures, lacking voice, characterizations had to be pointed up so that they could be easily recognized."

"In dialogue pictures, however, characters can be played on a more normal basis. As soon as any of the characters of 'Passion Flower,' Kay Johnson, Charles Bickford, Kay Francis or Lewis Stone, speak, you get their individual attitudes. And he or she can change that attitude instantly merely by a different inflection of the voice. The great advantage of the silent screen was its ability to cover a greater physical area than the stage, and thereby enhance the amount of entertaining action. The great advantage of the talkie is the more flexible presentation of a characterization given by the voice."

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Among her other innovations, Miss Crawford was first to wear the off-face hats. The inspiration came while she was on a picture set. After waiting patiently for the cameraman to adjust the lights so that the shadow from her hat brim wouldn't cover her eyes, she became impatient and pushed her brim back against the crown, revealing her face directly to the light, much to the cameraman's delight.

Following release of the picture, off-face hats became ultra-smart and universally popular.

Miss Crawford's latest fashion novelties will be seen in "Paid," her new dramatic vehicle opening on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre.

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"LOVE AMONG THE
MILLIONAIRES."

Clara Bow has discovered that love is just as exciting among the millionaires as it is with ordinary folk, and the "It" personality is at its finest in the sparkling musical romance, "Love Among the Millionaires," showing at the Central, as it was when confined to the fleet in "True to the Navy."

Amid the clatter of dishes and the blabber tones of a nickel-in-the-slot piano, "Love Among the Millionaires" gets underway. Clara sings a song, "Believe It or Not, I've Found My Man." That's where Stanley Smith comes in and transports the Redhead to a fairy paradise of the wealthy at Palm Beach, but, even then, everything refuses to run smoothly.

Stanley has a father, Claude King, who thinks a son of the rich shouldn't marry a girl of the poor, and, likewise, Clara has a father, Charles Sellen, who declares no daughter of his will marry a wealthy man. While the old clings get together, Clara and Stanley have a misunderstanding which almost breaks up the romance.

"Love Among the Millionaires" is one of the most enjoyable pictures Clara Bow has ever made, and Clara really gets a chance to sing. Those who heard the "It" voice in "Paramount on Parade" and in "True to the Navy" will want to hear the Redhead sing "Believe It or Not," "That's Worth While Waiting For," "Love Among the Millionaires" and "Rafin to Go." Clara sings with her voice, her eyes, her hair, her whole body. She handles a song like she handles a man, with pep, personality and enthusiasm.

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MR. M. J. QUIST LEAVES TO-DAY.

OUTLINE OF CAREER.

Mr. M. J. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands, who has been in Hong Kong for ten years, is going home on leave to-day by the R.M.S. Empress of Russia.

Mr. Quist was appointed a consular cadet, élève-consul as the position was then, on March 12, 1906. Therefore on the same date this year he completed 25 years' service.

His first appointment was to the Consulate-General in London. He did not arrive, as a stranger there, as he had stayed there before as a volunteer in a commercial office in order to learn about business methods and to improve his English. He remained in London two years, whereafter he was transferred to Hamburg. Owing to quite unforeseen circumstances the stay in the Hens town only lasted a couple of weeks. At a moment's notice he had to leave for Singapore. There his chief was Mr. H. Spakler, now a rentier in Paris, perhaps the most brilliant Consul-General the Dutch Government ever had east of Suez.

Mr. Quist went home in order to prepare for the vice-consular examination early in the autumn of 1909. Towards the close of 1910 we find him in Shanghai as a vice-consul. He knew Imperial China less than a year.

Arrival in Hong Kong.

In May 1914 he came to Hong Kong in the same position and on the eve of a home leave he was "lent" to Singapore for six months. The war interfering with transportation, he was obliged to travel home via Hong Kong, Shanghai, Siberia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany. Communication were not bad for he was safe in Holland after exactly five weeks.

In 1917, when promoted a consul during home leave, he was first attached to the Dutch Legation in Rio de Janeiro, but it was impossible to proceed there without great delay and as Shanghai wanted a second man who could replace the Consul-General during home leave he was sent back there. With a few hardships and a long delay in Petrograd (just after the revolution) he came back the same way as above described. The taking over of the Consulate did not take place as the German interests had already been confided to the Consul-General and it was to be expected that soon China would declare war on Germany and Austria-Hungary as actually happened on August 14, 1917.

In Japan.

Netherlands shipping via Suez between the home country and the colonies having come to a standstill, the colonies transferred their trade to the Pacific. Yokohama, hitherto little visited by Dutch vessels, became an important port of call for the Dutch passenger and freight ships. Therefore, it was necessary, in February 1919, to send Mr. Quist there to take charge of the Vice-Consulate formerly ably looked after by the Belgian Consul-General, Monsieur Bastin and Monsieur Polain, now Chargé d'Affaires in Bangkok for Belgium. He stayed there 23 years after which he was promoted Consul in Kobe with consular jurisdiction in the Japanese Empire.

In February 1923, he was promoted a Consul-General and it is since the beginning of March of that year that Mr. Quist has been in Hong Kong. Since then he has been on home leave twice and to-day he is leaving on another holiday.

Old Friendships.

Asked by our representatives if he will return, Mr. Quist replied, that he could not tell. He would return, willingly, for he has had interesting work here and most agreeable relations with the Government. He has made so many friendships here, he added, that it would be hard to leave the place for ever. Should a transfer take place, however, he would remember always Hong Kong, its officials, and its people of several nationalities, including the Chinese, with whom he had built up splendid friendships. It would be very regrettable never to meet again all those charming people, he added. "There is always Piccadilly Circus and the Shaftesbury House Club and the theatres, where one meets old friends most unexpectedly."

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE TO Y.M.C.A.

LAYS CORNER STONE OF NEW WEST WING IN KOWLOON.

HON. MR. W. E. L. SHENTON REVIEWS HISTORY OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION.

A pleasing function took place yesterday afternoon when H.E. the Governor laid the corner stone of the new west wing of the European Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon.

Those present included:—Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, President, Mr. A. S. Cassidy, Vice-President, H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel, Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Sir Joseph Kemp, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Southern, Commodore and Mrs. Walker, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Cressy, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Mackie, Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, and representatives of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

The Governor laid the impressive stone with a silver trowel and hammer. Under the stone a box was placed containing the names of the Governor, committee, members, and copies of the daily papers.

AMBITIOUS FUTURE POLICY.

MR. SHENTON'S SPEECH.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton said:—

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—I should like to thank you Sir on behalf of those who are interested in the Y.M.C.A. work for your kindness in coming to lay the foundation stone here this evening.

I should also like on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. to express our appreciation to all those who have, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, come here to join with us in commemorating this important event in our history.

The building of the west wing which is estimated to cost \$150,000 is the fulfilment of a long cherished ambition which has only become possible by the successful management of the finances of our Association in the past thereby enabling us to satisfy our bankers the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation that a loan for this purpose is a sound business proposition. I desire to express our gratitude to our bankers for the generous facilities they have given us and the practical confidence they have shown in our affairs.

Our position is a satisfactory one the membership roll for the month of December, 1929, 1928 and 1929, was 205, 351 and 431, respectively, and the income in the same years was \$99,000, \$117,000 and \$135,000, respectively. This desirable state of affairs is due to the unremitting efforts of our staff, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Ingram, and the general assistance we have received from Mr. McPherson.

The Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong.

To those who are not familiar with the history of the European Y.M.C.A. movement in Hong Kong I propose to give a short résumé. It was started in May, 1904, and carried on a very useful but somewhat precarious existence at various addresses until the idea was conceived of placing the movement on a more permanent footing by the acquisition of our property and under the happy auspices of His Excellency the late Sir Henry May supported by Sir Claud Severn, the Government gave us the present site. With the active co-operation of Sir Henry May a sum of \$140,000 was raised by subscription to which the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie and the late Mr. M. J. D. Stephens both contributed \$35,000 and a sum of \$75,000 was donated by the International Committee of North America of the Y.M.C.A. largely through the instrumentality of Mr. McPherson who has for so many years not only faithfully but without remuneration served our association and is to-day in charge of our building operations.

The foundation stone of the Main Block was laid on the 21st January, 1924, by His Excellency Sir Reginald Stubbs and the building was formally opened on the 20th November, 1926, by His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi. On both occasions their Excellencies in the course of their inspiring addresses referred to the great future before the Y.M.C.A.—that it was only starting on its career—that it had a great and useful future—that in the then not distant future a swimming bath and other forms of recreation both mental and physical would be required—to-day we are fulfilling those prophecies—the new west wing will have a swimming bath on the ground floor, a large increase of the reception accommodation on the 1st floor which will be used for lectures, entertainments and dances and 30 bedrooms on the upper floors. It will enable us to set aside the whole of the ground floor of the main building for the Services for whom it has always been our policy to make special provision and who will also be given facilities in respect of the swimming bath.

We are indebted to our Architects, Messrs. Leigh & Orange, and our Building Contractors, Messrs. Lam Woo, for their excellent work and for the arrangements they have made for us to-day.

The ceremony to-day marks a further step on the road of progress and is a partial fulfilment of our ambition. We firmly believe that in the not distant future some of

us here to-day will have the privilege of witnessing the laying of the foundation stone of the new east wing.

Forward Policy.

We may be criticised for our forward policy and our ambitious projects but I believe that those who wait for normal times or the return of more stable conditions will be left far behind.

There is no commoner or more paralyzing form of bondage to the past than this belief that somewhere in the years that have gone there is a normal to which conditions will return.

There is no normal—there is no status quo, but only progress of new and unknown conditions.

The work of the Y.M.C.A. is not like a lake which after a passing storm returns again to normal, it is a great river moving continually onwards now fast, now slow, to level plains, it has never known before. Success and progress go to those who ride the storm—not to those who wait for the calm.

A Religious and Moral Institution.

The Y.M.C.A. is a powerful body. It is a religious and moral institution—it prescribes no harmless pastime but encourages wholesome recreation both intellectual and physical at proper times and places.

Its desire is to place Christianity and Christian spirit in its proper light before all men in the hope that by a practical demonstration of the objects and tenets for which the Y.M.C.A. stands brotherly feeling between and towards all may be enhanced and improved. Christianity is intensely practical she has no trait more striking than her commonsense.

The real difficulty with thousands in the present day is not that Christianity has been found wanting, but that it has not been seriously tried.

Your Excellency may it be possible upon the foundation stone laid by you to-day to construct an edifice suitable to our objects, honourable to our association and of great benefit to this Colony.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

H.E. the Governor said:—Mr. Shenton, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It is a great pleasure for me to come here to-day to lay the foundation stone of this new west wing of the premises of the Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong. As Mr. Shenton has stated in his eloquent address, the foundation stone of the main building was laid by Sir Reginald Stubbs on January 21, 1924, some seven years ago and nearly twenty years after this branch of the Association was started in Hong Kong. The main building was erected on an excellent site. I have heard it suggested that it has been overshadowed by the large hotel building on the other side of the road. I cannot quite agree with this—this is an imposing building and has a personality of its own which is incapable of being overshadowed even by such a fine building as the Peninsula Hotel.

Sir Reginald Stubbs, in the course of his remarks, referred *inter alia* to two matters, namely, a library and a swimming bath. I understand that the former has flourished for some time now and that nearly 9,000 volumes were taken out last year; this is a most satisfactory feature on which I congratulate the directors. I am glad to hear that a swimming bath will form part of this new building, the foundation stone of which I am laying to-day.

Sound Financial Basis.

Last September I visited the premises and received the kind hospitality of the directors at lunch. I was greatly struck by the efficiency of the branch and especially by the sound practical financial basis on which it rests. I am not surprised to hear that its bankers realize that to grant it a loan is good business. This efficiency is only in accord with the great reputation of the Association, the activities of which are world-wide. It is a great factor in

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the world and its activities have been great in war as in peace. During the Great War there were many thousands who must have benefited by the help of the Association, and have cause to bless it for the great help and kindness which they received from it. One great point about it is that it is undenominational and whilst not neglecting the religious side, welcomes those of all Christian creeds. I have always felt that one of the outstanding characteristics of the Association and its leaders is their robustness and that this is one of the main reasons for its solid success.

I have recently read the report of this branch for 1930 and congratulate it on its large increase in membership, which, during the last year, amounted to some 20 per cent. In has many and varied activities, religious, social, literary and athletic, all of which seem to flourish. I notice that the debating society has started to give special training for those whose ambition may lead them to the Mother of Parliaments, and I trust that some day we shall see members of this branch of the Association there. I am sure that will add to its dignity and debating power.

Work for the Services.

One can not but be impressed by the great work done by this branch for the benefit of members of the Services, many of whom are only birds of passage here and must appreciate and enjoy in a very

high degree the excellent facilities afforded them. In this institution they have a fine club which caters in an eminently efficient manner for both mind and body. In short there is no doubt that this is one of the most flourishing branches possessed by the Association, and is of great value to the Colony; the directors have every reason to be proud of it. In laying the foundation stone of this extension to-day I wish the Hong Kong branch of the Y.M.C.A. continued and indeed, increased success.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

AN INNOVATION.

Realizing that very little is known by the layman concerning the work in outlying districts of this diocese, it has been decided by the Evangelistic Committee to devote four Sundays of each year to this subject. These Sundays are to be known as Diocesan Sundays and special services and sermons are to be arranged to take place on the days in question.

In this way the congregation will become acquainted with the labours undertaken in the missionary field. It is hoped that clergymen who are essentially missionaries will be able to preach on these occasions. On Whitunday, May 24, the Rev. A. D. Stewart, M. A. will be the speaker at the 11.00 a.m. service.

RECENT RAILWAY DISASTER RECALLED.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR AT YESTERDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING.

LETTERS SENT TO THOSE WHO GAVE HELP: TIMELY ASSISTANCE FULLY APPRECIATED.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, in addition to other business, fully reported below, H.E. the Governor took the opportunity to express the thanks of the Government to those who offered and gave help at the recent railway disaster between Taiipo and Shatin.

He also took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Walker, the Acting Manager of the Railway and his staff for the manner in which they have grappled with the situation.

His Excellency, speaking on behalf of the Legislative Council, expressed sympathy to the relatives and friends of those who were unfortunately killed as a result of the crash.

At the Finance Committee meeting which followed the Legislative Council meeting, a very interesting discussion took place in regard to a vote of \$8,324 wanted by the Government for the resumption of land at Fanling belonging to the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. This discussion is also fully reported below.

CONUNDRUM BY HON. MR. BRAGA.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) presided, and there were also present:—

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. E. Taylor).

Hon. Mr. J. T. Cressy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Inspector General of Police).

Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retired) (Harbour Master).

Hon. Dr. W. B. R. Moore.

Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., J.L.D.

Hon. Mr. C. G. Mackie.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., J.L.D.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Hon. N. L. Smith (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

His Excellency Thanks Helpers.

At the outset of the meeting, His Excellency said:—I desire to take this opportunity of publicly thanking most sincerely all those who gave most valuable help after the disastrous railway accident which took place on the 20th of last month between Taiipo and Shatin. It was wonderful the amount of help that was offered and given and had it not been for that fact it is almost certain that there would have been a greater loss of life. In the reports I have received, a number of names were mentioned and I have had letters sent to them expressing the thanks of this Government, but it is possible, however, that in the stress and strain of the aftermath of such a disaster a certain number of helpers might have passed unnoticed or, perhaps, their names were not known, and I should be very sorry if any of them felt that their services had not been recognised. I therefore take this opportunity of thanking them all.

I should also like to congratulate on this occasion the Acting Manager of the Railway, Mr. Walker, and his staff for the very fine way in which they grappled with the situation. As Honourable Members may know, the great damage done to the line was not so much at the place where the accident occurred as at a place a little to the side of Shatin Station, where the embankment was completely washed away for a distance of many yards. I have had some experience of cloud-bursts and floods in Malaya, and I know well the amount of work involved in restoring such damage and I think that the railway staff are to be greatly congratulated on having restored the line with such celerity and opened it again to traffic.

I should also like, on behalf of this Council, to offer our deepest sympathy to those who were injured in the accident and also to those whose relatives and friends were, unfortunately, killed.

Unequal Assessment.

The Colonial Secretary said:—I rise to move the resolution standing in my name which I ask the permission of the Council to take as read.

It will be remembered by Hon. Members that the Acting Colonial Secretary, when moving a resolution in this Council on December 4, 1930, to increase the Assessment rates, referred to the present absence of uniformity in the figures for various localities and he intimated that it was hoped to introduce in time for the quarter beginning on July 1 a simpler table of rates. The resolution which I am now moving will if it is ap-

proved carry that policy into effect.

Hon. Members will observe that the only discrimination now proposed is on the basis of the provision of water and that there are only three rates which vary according to the amount and quality of the water provided, the rate being 17 per cent. for a supply of filtered water, 10 per cent. for a supply of unfiltered water and 4 per cent. where no provision is made for any supply of water from Government Water Works. As was observed in the speech of the Acting Colonial Secretary to which I have already referred, the Government feels that any attempt to reflect by a variety of percentages the provision or non-provision in certain localities of police patrols, street lighting, educational facilities and the like is illogical as the absence or presence of such amenities is sufficiently reflected in the rateable value of the premises. For this reason the Government feels that the raising of the percentage in the case of certain outlying districts which will follow the adoption of the present proposal is entirely equitable.

It is proposed that the date to be fixed for the coming into effect of the Resolution shall be July 1, 1931.

The Motion.

The motion, which was duly seconded and carried, was as follows:—

"Resolved by the Legislative Council that on and from the date to be fixed by His Excellency the Governor for the coming into effect of this resolution the following percentage shall be payable as rates, namely, for any tenement assessed, 17 per cent. Provided that the said percentage shall be reduced to 10 per cent. in the case of any tenement for the water supply of which from the Government waterworks the only provision made is a supply of unfiltered water, and shall be reduced to 4 per cent. in the case of any tenement for which no provision is made for any supply of water from such waterworks. For the purposes of this resolution provision for water supply shall be deemed to be made for a tenement, although it has no connection with the Government watermain, or waterworks, if such tenement is situated within 200 yards from a Government watermain."

New Bills.

The following bills passed their first readings:—

"A Bill to amend the law relating to Bankruptcy."

"A Bill to amend further the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899."

"A Bill to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923."

"A Bill to amend the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1911."

VOTE FOR GOLF CLUB AREA.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MR. BRAGA ON RIGHTS OF PUBLIC.

A vote of \$8,324 out of a total of votes approximately reaching \$43,000 was the only one upon which there was any discussion by the Finance Committee which met after the Legislative Council meeting.

The vote was explained in the agenda as follows:—

Public Works Extraordinary: Miscellaneous, Resumption at Fanling: \$8,324.

By an arrangement with the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club the Government resumed certain areas that were essential for the proper development of the course.

It was agreed between the Government and the Club that money expended by the Club on the acquisition of land either directly from

the owners or through the Government should be refunded to the Club, and that on the said lands being leased to the Club (together with the remainder of the Club's former holding) the Club should pay, by way of additional Crown Rent, interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum on the money so expended.

The amount required to be reimbursed to the Club is \$8,324, which amount is now asked for, but against this sum the Government will receive as Revenue from the Club a sum of \$1,327 owing for arrears of rent for areas occupied by, but not yet leased to, the Club.

HON. MR. BRAGA.

Hon. Mr. Braga said: It seems that there is an important principle involved in this item. There may be very good reasons why this Committee should be asked to vote the sum of \$8,324. So far as I can make out from the explanations accompanying this item, it looks very much as if the Government is making a loan of \$8,324 to the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. Why this should be so we are not told in the printed explanation, which is more or less obscure. What I would like to know is this: As a matter of principle, will the Government afford similar accommodation to other clubs in the Colony? I have no complaint against this club as a club; but I would like to point out that it is an exclusive club, the membership of which is composed, for the most part, of people in the Colony well able to afford to provide for themselves with all necessary amenities for recreational purposes and who are in circumstances enabling them to look after their own affairs without the pecuniary aid of the ratepayers. Speaking for myself, I think the Government is creating a precedent which will make it very difficult for the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council with perfect consistency to refuse applications from sporting clubs in the Colony seeking assistance of a like nature from the Government in future.

Question of Interest.

Then, again, there is this question of interest. I see that the rate of interest the Golf Club is called upon to pay is 4 per cent. per annum. We are asked practically to make a gift to this wealthy club of 13 per cent. per annum on \$8,324. I arrive at the difference of 13 per cent. in this way: The Government pays on its Public Works Loan 6 per cent. per annum to the bondholders. It receives under the proposed arrangement with the Golf Club 4 per cent. from them. The Government is, therefore, out of pocket on this loan 13 per cent. per annum which ratepayers who are non-members of the Golf Club, and therefore precluded from enjoying its privileges, are called upon to pay for the Golf Club.

For the reasons I have stated, unless some cogent explanation be forthcoming, I shall not be able to support the vote.

Chairman's Explanation.

The Chairman:—I am afraid, Mr. Braga, that I cannot pledge the future members of the Finance Committee as to what assistance they may be prepared to give to any other club. The only question before us to-day is whether or not the Finance Committee is prepared to approve the vote of this particular sum to this particular club. Any future request from any other club would have to be decided on its merits. Now, as regards this particular item, the principle involved is that the Golf Club has purchased certain areas of land. It proposes to hand these back to the Government on receiving the amount of money which they paid to purchase them. The advantage which the Government gets is this: it leases that land to the Golf Club on an annual tenancy so that the Golf Club gives up very considerable rights in return for getting an annual tenancy from the Crown. Another advantage to the Crown is that it enables the whole of the Golf Club area to be dealt with as one complete whole, subject to one or two very minor items of land, instead of having various items of private land included in the perimeter of the Golf Club. In return for these advantages to the Government and disadvantages to the Golf Club, the Government did not think it was inequitable to charge them only four and a half per cent. on the amount of money paid by the Government to the Golf Club.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—I appreciate the explanation and am thankful for such a full explanation. In fact, my questions were directed more in the interests of the public than in the interests of the limited numbers of the Finance Committee. One point I should like to get clear is this: Are these privileges of which you speak inherent to the Golf Club as a Golf Club? In which case the tenure of the land which is nominally one year, and which has to be renewed on the expiration of each year in general practice, as in the case of many other sporting institutions in the Colony, which are very admirably run, they may be considered to be held in perpetuity upon the payment of this nominal rental to the Government at the end of each year.

Rent Not Nominal.

The Chairman: I do not think it is nominal. I think it is a regular Crown rent, which anybody would pay.

Hon. Mr. Braga:—If that be so, then I take it there are, or should be, certain building covenants attaching to the lease with the Golf Club. Is there any such building covenant?

The Chairman:—I cannot answer that question of land. Perhaps Mr. Cressy can tell us.

Hon. Mr. Cressy: It is not leased with a building covenant; it is on an annual premium.

The Chairman: I do not think anybody would take it for building on an annual tenure.

Hon. Mr. Braga: In other words the inherency of the privilege attaching to Hong Kong Golf Club could not be made effective in the case of trespass by any member of the public who is not a member of the Golf Club. Supposing a resident of Hong Kong, who does not happen to be a member of the Golf Club, trespasses on the grounds of the Golf Club, would that member of the public be entitled to cross the ground which are, nominally, leased to the Golf Club, or would he be prosecuted before a Magistrate for trespass? The Chairman: I am not prepared to answer that question or any legal conundrums.

A Conundrum.

Hon. Mr. Braga: It is not such a conundrum as it appears. It is a very practical point because, if the Golf Club has Government assistance, I should like to see the interests and rights of the public at large fully protected. If a member of the public were to trespass on the grounds of the Golf Club and were to be hauled before a Magistrate, then I say that this vote is all wrong, and that we should not be called upon to pay this sum of \$8,000 to the Golf Club or any Club. I think we have had a recent case in the Court for trespass on land nominally held by a particular Club which has been considered a trespass in the legal sense. I may be wrong. That is my view of the position and if the inherent right of the Golf Club excludes a member of the public, I most emphatically say, though I regret it, I cannot vote for this amount. I want to make it clear that my remarks are not directed against the Golf Club but on general principles.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: The benefit is largely on the side of the Government, is it not? The proposition is not the Golf Club's but the Government's.

The Chairman: I am not quite sure. It originated many years ago.

Hon. Mr. Braga: Whether it was the Government or the Golf Club, I say we are depriving the public of their rights. The public has a prior, inherent right to cross the Golf Club's ground and I think the public is entitled to full protection, unless it is that the Golf Club pays a sum commensurate with its rights.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: It seems to me the Golf Club is paying annual Crown rent; and that, therefore, they have full rights to do exactly as they like, and members of the public, not being members of the Golf Club, have no right on it.

The Chairman: I do not quite understand what right, Mr. Braga, you would give to the public on land leased to a private person; I do not quite understand what right you would like to reserve to the public as to trespass on land leased to a private party.

Hon. Mr. Braga: I say the Government is quite within its rights to lease any land because there is a certain amount of revenue derived from the leasing of Crown lands and assessment, but why should we be called upon to help the Golf Club?

The Chairman: We are not helping the Golf Club but getting something in return. We are definitely acquiring land.

Hon. Mr. Braga: Which you are handing back to the Golf Club on a nominal rental.

The Chairman: It is not nominal. It is ordinary Crown rent.

Hon. Mr. Braga: If it is nominal Crown rent, you vest the Golf Club with certain privileges, and those privileges cannot be acquired by the Golf Club to the exclusion of the public at large.

The Chairman: Your point is not very clearly made.

Hon. Mr. Braga: I have explained myself as fully as I could.

Hon. Mr. Shenton: There are certain rights of way over the Golf Club property which have never been interfered with and those rights of way will not be interfered with now.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall: I see the resumption was made for the proper development of the course. Who pays for the development of the course?

The Chairman: The Golf Club. They have spent enormous sums of money.

The Chairman: I have given Mr. Braga as full a statement of the facts as I can. In the first place I do not regard the rent as nominal and I regard the Government as getting a distinct return for the money expended.

Hon. Mr. Mackie: I do not regard it as nominal for I see that the Government is to receive \$1,327 out of the vote of \$8,324.

(Continued on next Column.)

THE HARBOUR IN 1930.

94,000 SHIPS AND 40 MILLION TONS.

The Harbour Master's Report for the year 1930 shows that the total shipping entering and clearing ports in the Colony during the year 1930 amounted to 94,000 vessels of 40,190,012 tons, which compared with the figures of 1929 shows a decrease of 206,487 vessels and a decrease of 4,095,509 tons.

Of the above, 40,000 vessels of 38,511,630 tons were engaged in foreign trade as compared with 32,574 vessels of 39,871,149 tons, in 1929.

There was a decrease in British ocean-going shipping of 13 ships, and an increase of 206,433 tons.

Foreign ocean-going vessels show a decrease of 60 ships and an increase of 233,613 tons.

British river steamers show a decrease of 185 ships and a decrease of 240,380 tons.

Foreign river steamers show an increase of 668 ships and an increase of 323,845 tons.

In steamships not exceeding 60 tons employed in foreign trade there is a decrease of 1,708 ships with a decrease in tonnage of 3,883 tons.

Junks in foreign trade show a decrease of 2,287 vessels, and a decrease of 401,139 tons.

In local trade (i.e. between places within the waters of the Colony) there is a decrease in steam launches of 190,342 vessels and a decrease in tonnage of 4,758,035 tons.

This is caused by the exclusion of ferries plying between Hong Kong, Yau-mat, Mongkok and Shum Shui Po.

Junks in local trade show a decrease of 2,287 vessels, and a decrease of 850,888 tons. Conservancy and dustboats were included in 1929 figures but have been omitted in 1930.

Revenue and Expenditure.

The total revenue during the year was \$1,029,741.02 as against \$1,010,061.97 collected in the previous year showing an increase of \$18,679.05 or 1.85 per cent.

The expenditure excluding special expenditure was \$930,810.06 as against \$933,938.40 expended in 1929, showing an increase of \$171,877.66. This increase is principally due to lower rate of exchange and stipulated increments.

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A TERMINOLOGICAL INEXACTITUDE.

SIR.—Dr. Shiels repudiated the suggestion that the conversion method was tantamount to a breach of contract.

CALL A SPADE AN INSTRUMENT OF HORTICULTURE.

On the Chairman putting the matter to the vote, seven voted in favour and one (Hon. Mr. Braga) against.

A Point of Order.

Hon. Mr. Braga then raised a point of order under sub-clause seven of Standing Order No. 24.

He said:—It may appear strictly theoretical. Nevertheless, I feel that the point should be raised. I refer to the voting on this question. Under Article 24, clause 7, of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council, "a member shall not vote on any subject in which he has a direct pecuniary interest."

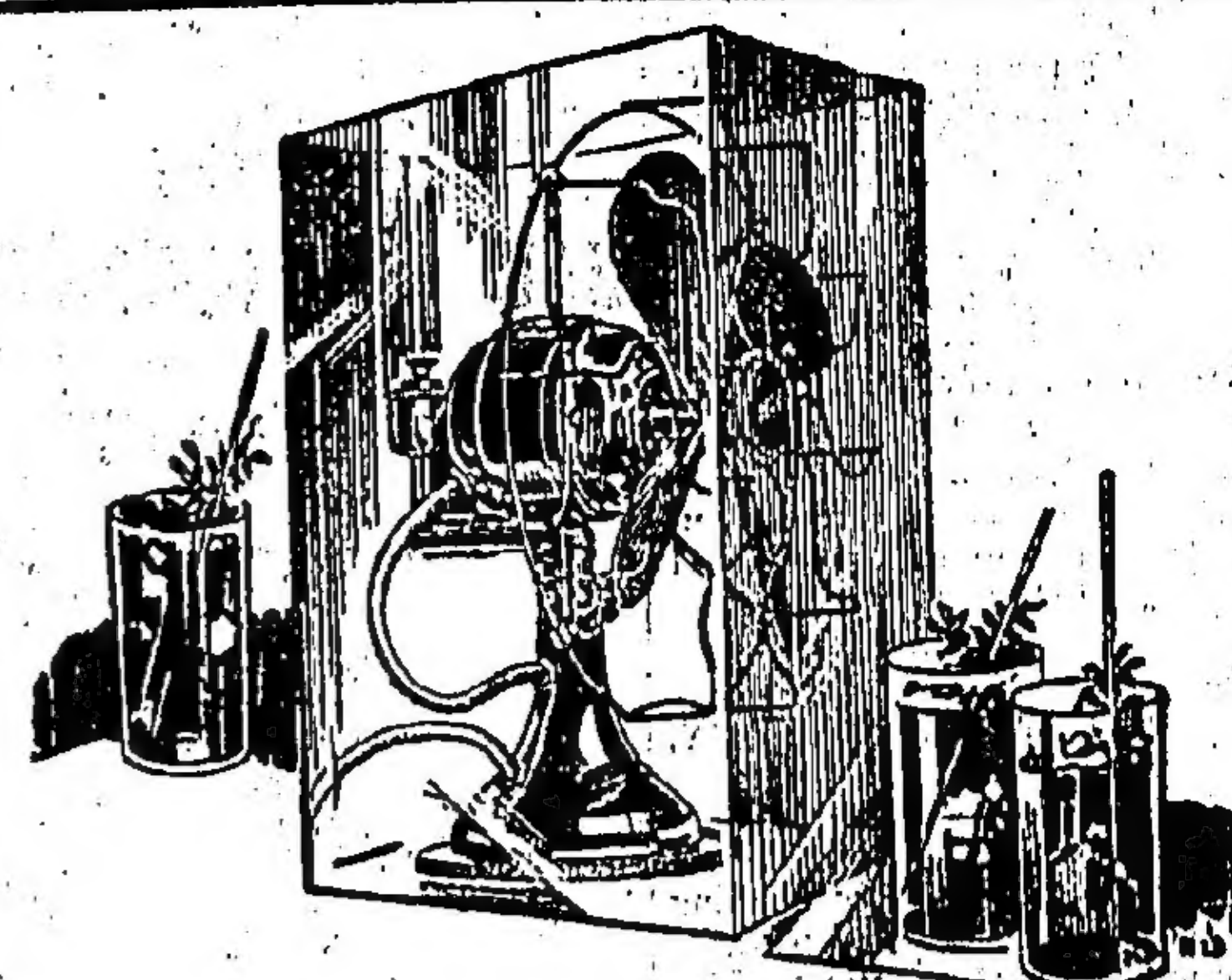
I would not go so far as to say that the voting has been influenced by the "pecuniary interest" of any member of this Committee. Nothing further than that is from my mind. On principle, however, I feel I must challenge the votes of at least those members of this Committee who are members of the Golf Club, and whose interest, therefore, in the question before the Committee is a "direct" one.

I, therefore, respectfully submit to you, Sir, that the votes of those members of this Committee who are members of the Golf Club should not be counted.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: May I reply to that by reminding Honourable Members of the occasion when the vote was given on the report of the Salaries Commission. It seems to me, Mr. Braga, that there was a direct interest here, yet people were allowed to vote. I see no reason why I should not be able to vote on this. There was a much greater and more direct financial interest there.

Hon. Mr. Braga: It may seem a very fine point but it would be nice to have a decision on it. There is nothing personal in this. I think you appreciate that.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: I realise that. The Chairman, in giving his ruling, said: I would rule in this case that the vote taken is not in the interest of the members voting, it is not direct and pecuniary within the meaning of sub-clause seven of Standing Order No. 24 and the votes are therefore allowed to remain.



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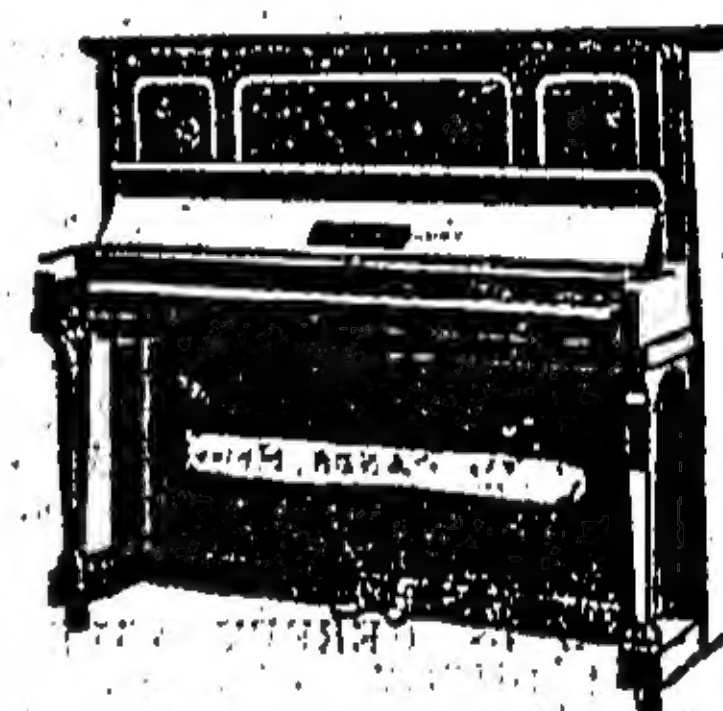
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY
No. 15 of 1931.

Re SHEOW LAN O'HOY OF No. 41, SANDS STREET, KENNEDY TOWN, IN THE COLONY OF HONG KONG, ACCOUNTANT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHEOW LAN O'HOY, having applied to the Court for his discharge, the Court has fixed SATURDAY, the 23rd DAY OF MAY, 1931, at 10.30 O'clock in the Forenoon for hearing the application.

No. 17 of 1927.

Re JOSE AUGUSTO LOPES, VICTORIA IN THE COLONY OF HONG KONG, CLERK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOSE AUGUSTO LOPES, having applied to the Court for his discharge, the Court has fixed SATURDAY, the 23rd DAY OF MAY, 1931, at 10.30 O'clock in the Forenoon for hearing the application.

Dated the 7th day of May, 1931.

E. L. AGASSIZ,
Official Receiver.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF WILLIAM DODD, Late of No. 1, COMMERCE DRIVE, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, MERCHANT, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the Provisions of Section 18 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 4th JUNE, 1931. All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that Date.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

IN THE GOODS OF SONG WING, alias JUNG SANG WING, Late of 16, MOST STREET, MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, LAUNDREYMAN, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 18 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 28th DAY OF MAY, 1931. All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that Date.

Dated the 2nd day of May, 1931.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Administrators.
Princo's Building,
Hong Kong. [692]

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.25 p.m., stated:—

A moderate anti-cyclone is central over the Yangtze Valley.
Local Forecast:—N. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.

Mr. M. J. Quist,
Consul-General der Nederlanden.

p.p.c.
s/s "Empress of Russia"
Hong Kong, 8th May, 1931.

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THE Y.M.C.A.

The Governors of Hong Kong have always taken a personal interest in that excellent institution, the Y.M.C.A. The foundation stone of the familiar building in Salisbury Road was laid in June, 1924, by Sir REGINALD STRONG, and it was formally opened in November, 1925, by his successor Sir CECIL CLEMESTRI. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. SOUTHERN, opened the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Waterloo Road, and, in keeping with this tradition, H.E. Sir WILLIAM PEEL yesterday laid the foundation stone of the new wing at the Salisbury Road branch. The work should be completed by next year and no doubt His Excellency will again perform the inaugural ceremony. If that grave and worthy London merchant, Sir GEORGE WILLIAMS, who founded the Young Men's Christian Association, in the year 1843, had been present at yesterday's function he would have been immensely gratified to see that the seed sown by himself, ninety years ago, when he was a young man of twenty-three, had grown to so great a tree. No doubt the tree, in full growth, differs somewhat from that pictured by the originator, who probably regarded dancing and a game of cards, for example, in the way that the heads of most Evangelical households of the Victorian era, looked upon such vanities. Being a wise and sympathetic man, with a knowledge of the ways of young men, he would, however, have felt justifiable pride in his creation, and complete confidence in the men now carrying on its tradition.

The Y.M.C.A. from the first justified itself. The youthful dealer in dry goods, who has originated one of the biggest institutions of the modern world, saw that young men, in business needed what was essentially a club. He gave his foundation a religious basis, and to it he attracted decent and sober-minded young fellows. How many of England's public men we wonder, learned the arts of lecturing and debate at a Y.M.C.A. The classes and the libraries also fulfilled a real need, especially in the big towns. It is easy to see, however, that in its contrast with the political clubs, and their wholly secular atmosphere, the Y.M.C.A. should become the butt of certain forms of humour and even of superficial reproach. In point of fact, Y.M.C.A.'s were always extremely happy and active centres, generally running excellent cricket, football and athletic teams. But, on the whole, it went down better as an institution in America and in Germany than in the country of its origin.

It was during the War that the Y.M.C.A. found itself, and shook itself free from any suggestion of provincialism. It stepped in quiet, firmly and unobtrusively as the friend of the soldier. Its well

equipped marquees and canteens sprang up in every camp. It supplied a need that the War Office had overlooked and its amenities played no small part in showing England that if you joined the Army at least you would be properly looked after.

The coming of peace has seen no relaxing of Y.M.C.A. progress. Having proved itself the friend of the fighting man it is now fulfilling the rôle for the man overseas. In all parts of the Empire, in fact, throughout the civilized world, in practically every town of any size, is a Y.M.C.A. to be found—a first-rate hotel for men of all ages, where a personal interest is taken in each guest, and where help can be obtained if ill fortune be encountered. In Hong Kong the Y.M.C.A. has expanded with changing conditions, with the advent of businesses which require one or two young Europeans on the staff, and with the coming of a sturdier type of man in the merchant service. The Y.M.C.A. here, and all over the world, has behind it not only religious and philanthropic enthusiasts, but the best and most successful types of business men and officials. They see in it a pillar of decency and steadiness, without narrowness, and a real friend to the younger generation.

RUSSIA, TURKEY AND THE BLACK SEA.

The treaty which has recently been concluded between Russia and Turkey, to the effect that neither power will increase its naval forces in the inner seas without giving six months' notice to the other did not attract much interest. Yet it may very well prove to hold a degree of significance which is not suspected. The Russian Black Sea Fleet to-day cannot be regarded as a formidable force, but it might be very troublesome under the benevolent neutrality of Turkey, which would ensure it free passage of the Dardanelles. No definite knowledge of the composition of the Soviet naval forces in the inner seas appears to be available, but it is interesting to recall that about a year ago several warships were transferred from the Baltic; it was reported that others were to follow, and a *Times* correspondent stated that the Turkish Government was perturbed over the matter and was making representations to Moscow. Since then there has evidently come a change of heart at Ankara, and probably we may associate this with the representations made to the British Government not very long since to the effect that the frequent visits by the Mediterranean Fleet to Turkish islands in the Aegean Sea must not be continued, as it was out of the question for British warships to treat these islands as naval bases.

Our one time great trade with the Black Sea has now shrunk to very slender proportions. Therefore, Soviet naval policy in that sea has no direct reference to British interests. But the real meaning of this Russo-Turkish treaty must be sought in the remarkable reconciliation of traditional political antagonisms. Russia and Turkey used to be hereditary enemies, and Turkey stood as a barrier against Russian naval access from the Black Sea into the Mediterranean. Whilst we are not impressed by the stories of Russia's preparations for a world war, the Soviet outlook is anything but peaceful. Fortunately, Russian sea power is equally motley and very much smaller. But the integrity of the highway to the Suez Canal is a matter of such vital importance to us that we cannot afford to regard lightly any development which might menace it. This Russo-Turkish treaty indeed, comes as a timely reminder that, whilst our attention is mainly directed towards Italy and France, and British attempts to placate the two great Mediterranean sea powers, there are other influences at work in the Middle Sea which need a watchful eye.

★ News and Views ★

Only Five!

According to a Government report there are five asses in the Colony, three in Hong Kong, two in the New Territories and none in Kowloon!

Service Men and Hong Kong People.

With regard to the recent complaints by a few Service men about the welcome, or rather alleged lack of welcome, accorded them by Hong Kong we took the liberty of consulting Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, Chairman of the Ladies' Section of the Cheero Club, who made the following statement:—"It is in consequence of the harmony and good feeling which exists between service men and Hong Kong civilians that this Club is able to do the good work that it does. Ladies attend regularly—every night—to be sociable with the men. Dances are held every Monday and Thursday evenings and tea dances on Tuesdays. The City Hall is taken once monthly for big dances at which about 150 ladies turn up to dance with the servicemen. In addition to the above we arrange a monthly concert. So far as I can see nothing but friendliness prevails between civilians and service men."

Tale of the Day.

Young Wife: "I want a sign for my husband." Young Wife: "Fairly strong?" Young Wife: "Yes, please. The last one broke in his pocket."

Bully!

A round-up is being made of 20,000 wild horses still at large in the plains of Nevada, Oregon, and Indiana. Horses caught will be killed and canned for export.

West End Clothes.

There is a considerable drop this spring in the prices of London tailors. That formidable item in male expenditure, the eighteen or twenty guinea lounge suit, is now an extreme rarity, even among the most exclusive firms who allow long credit. The genuine fall in prices began as long ago as 1927, but until this year it has been gradual. Now fourteen guineas for a lounge suit may be regarded as an outside price, with from ten to twelve guineas as a normal charge for good material and first-rate workmanship.

Wardress Gets £900.

At Armagh Quarter Sessions Judge Green awarded Miss Elizabeth Ross £900 compensation for injuries caused to her in the execution of her duty. Miss Ross was a wardress in the women's prison in Armagh, and while in the yard was attacked by a woman prisoner, seized by the hair, and dragged along the ground for several yards. As a result of her injuries she was compelled to retire from service on a small pension. She would in the ordinary course have succeeded the present matron.

One case (non-Chinese) of relapsing fever was reported during the 24 hours ended May 6.

A circular issued yesterday notified that a reward of \$25 will be paid to any person giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person charged with stealing or receiving motor car accessories.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday Mr. Hamilton ordered a girl to be sent to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. The girl, who was a maid-servant at 721, Nathan Road, was charged with the theft of \$75 and jewellery worth \$10, the property of a *multi-tani* working at same address.

A fine of \$5 was imposed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on Leading Aircraftman Jackson for allowing a dog to be abroad in Kowloon City without a muzzle. In another case, Sister Julia, of St. Mary's School, was cautioned for keeping a dog without a licence, the animal having in the meantime been sent to the Dogs' Home.

Mrs. H. T. Cressy has consented to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors at the conclusion of the 7th annual athletic sports of the Sacred Heart College tomorrow, at 8 a.m., at the Kowloon Football Club ground. The 120 yards flat race open to the Colony (men) at 3.45 p.m. Entrance free, post entries.

SUMMARY OF NEWS

Local.

Mr. M. J. Quist, the Consul-General for the Netherlands in Hong Kong, leaves for home to-day on furlough. Page 6.

H.E. the Governor yesterday laid the corner stone of the new west wing of the Y.M.C.A. building in Kowloon. Page 6.

There was an interesting discussion yesterday at a meeting of the Government's resumption of land at Fanling Golf Course. Page 7.

To-day's wireless programme. Page 4.

To-morrow's festival of folk songs and dances at the Diocesan Girls' School. Page 4.

Comparative figures of imports into Hong Kong during the first quarters of 1928 and 1931. Page 11.

Latest Cables.

Flight-Lieut. Waghorn succumbed to his injuries yesterday. Page 9.

The engine and coaches of the Bombay-Peshawar Express were derailed yesterday. Page 9.

It is reported that the British, French and American Ministers are planning to go to Peking. Page 9.

Rumania has suddenly broken the negotiations regarding the Commercial Treaty with Germany. Page 9.

The British Economic Mission, which visited Japan, and China some months ago, has issued its report. Page 9.

There was another fracas at the Cairo railway station yesterday when ex-Premiers Nahaas Pasha and Mahand Pasha attempted to enter the station. Page 9.

A Jutland Figure.

There is no more intrepid sailor than Captain Malcolm Goldsmith, D.S.O., who, has been appointed Naval Aide-de-camp to the King. All through the war he held destroyer commands in the North Sea. During the Jutland Battle, he found that, owing to the possibility of his smoke impeding the battle-cruisers, he had to stay on the engaged side of the big ships or drop astern. "I chose to remain where I was," he wrote in his report, "rather than lose all chance of making a torpedo attack." It was a perilous decision, but the attack was made, and it succeeded. When Captain Goldsmith was appointed Captain of Malta Dockyard he spurned all conventional methods of reaching his destination, and set out from Plymouth in a 15-ton yacht, *Rame*. Sailing her single-handed, he reached Malta after a thrilling time. During seventeen days no tidings were heard of him. He was blown out of his course and nearly wrecked off Cape Spartel.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

Mr. M. J. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands, will be glad to receive his friends on board the s.s. *Empress of Russia* to-day from 10.45 a.m.

Privates H. James and P. Brian, of the South Wales Borderers, were remanded for a week when they appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of assaulting Chan Kiu, a detective. Inspector K. W. Andrew informed the Magistrate that the doctors were not yet in a position to report on the condition of the detective, who was still in hospital.

A Chinese was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of loitering with intent to commit a felony. It was stated by Detective-Sergeant Goodwin that the defendant was first seen in the summer-house of St. Fernandez's bungalow at Old Kowloon Tong at 2 o'clock in the morning. He escaped when his presence was noticed and an hour later he was found on the verandah of the bungalow itself.

Some time ago I made reference to the popularity of billiards in the Colony. To say that the game is popular is only stating the obvious, but there are indications that its devotees are becoming more numerous. Our wealthy Chinese

friends have now first class tables in their houses, and among the native population cueists can be counted in hundreds. In this connection, I am informed that a series of billiard tournaments between the Water Police and the Kowloon Cricket Club have been inaugurated, and that the first game—300 up—played on Thursday between Sergeant Earner and Mr. Bouzeville resulted in a win for the former by 90 points. The tournament, I am told, is not to be confined to billiards, but will include tennis and bowls. That reminds me that a billiard tournament has been arranged at the King Edward Hotel and a committee has been elected from those interested to conduct the competition.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, May 8, 1930.

Looking Back 60 Years.
Kwan Atuck, Fung Ako and Mok Aleong were charged with gambling before the Hon. Mr. Ng Choy at the Police Court yesterday. P.C. 275 said:—"On Saturday last I saw the defendants and a number of others gambling at *fan-tan* at Praya West. The first defendant managed the game. I arrested them and found four cents on the ground and some pieces of bricks for markers." The first defendant said he only went to look at some people there, the second said he went there for the same purpose, and the third declared he was only passing by when he was arrested. They were sentenced to be exposed in the stocks for four hours at the scene of the offence.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, May 8, 1931.

Looking Back 25 Years.
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BRITISH ECONOMIC MISSION TO THE FAR EAST.

RADICAL CHANGES IN BRITISH BUSINESS METHODS RECOMMENDED.

DECLINE OF BRITISH TRADE IN CHINA AND JAPAN.

The Economic Mission, which along with the Cotton Mission visited Japan and China a few months ago, has issued a grave warning to Great Britain regarding her trade in the Far East.

The Mission confirms the Cotton Mission's recommendations and is of the opinion that "no industry which is so dependent on export as the British cotton industry is can continue to exist unless it is fully competitive with the other countries." The report also states that it feels it is a matter of urgent necessity to promote more intimate cultural relationship between China and Britain for the purpose of attracting Chinese students to British universities and workshops. The report also suggests that instead of having "general" agents, who are only order "takers," British manufacturers should be represented by experts whom the Mission consider "old order" getters.

The Mission also recommends the British Government to summon a Conference to study the possibilities of British participation in the development of China.

The report also states that the stabilisation of silver should be sought by every means, thus restoring China to her full purchasing power, and that Britain should take the leading part in attaining the necessary international agreement thereon.

BRITISH PUBLICITY FAR BEHIND THE TIMES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

That price is by far the heaviest handicap from which British goods, generally speaking, suffer from in Far Eastern markets, and primarily accounts for the decline of British trade in comparison with the principal competitors—Germany, Japan and the United States. These authoritative conclusions emerge from the Report of the British Economic Mission which visited China and Japan under the Chairmanship of Sir Ernest Thompson.

Prices Must be Competitive.

Stressing on the foregoing observations the Report says that all other aids to sale, however efficient, would be only truly effective when the price of our goods was competitive. In the opinion of the Mission all costs must be reduced until prices of British goods again reach a competitive level. At that level the natural advantages we possess in the world trade (among which are mentioned our artificial skill, manufacturers, convenience of our trading stations and our good name) would re-assert themselves. There is no doubt that such a policy would require sacrifices from all classes of the community if Britain is to assert the report of the Mission.

A Serious Rival.

The Mission, in the course of a number of recommendations, fully recognises the importance of Japan as a competitor to Britain in the supply of useful manufactured articles at low prices, notably cotton goods. With regard to Japanese imports these are likely to decrease and the market become more competitive.

Examining the iron and steel industries in Japan the Mission refers to rationalisation schemes there and thinks that if trade revives the importers may secure low price orders in lines in which Japanese production is insufficient and accordingly suggests that manufacturers have resident experts in Japan.

Engineering in Japan.

On the subject of engineering in Japan the Mission strongly recommends manufacturers to supplement the knowledge and sales capacity of their agents and to obtain information in catalogues and trade literature by attaching direct technical representatives to their agents' offices. It also suggests that several manufacturers might care to combine in employing a joint expert to save expense. Manufacturers should also closely investigate the possibilities of co-operation with the Japanese industry.

Textile Industry.

In commenting on the wool and textile industry the Mission thinks that British high-class cloths are likely to continue to serve this limited market, but apparently it is only a question of time before Japan will be able to produce the whole of its needs. There is no indication of efficiency in the Japanese woolen industry but it is seriously lower than ours and is calculated, allowing all possibilities, that the Yorkshire wools and costs per unit of production are at least two and a half times or perhaps three times greater than that of the Japanese.

Japanese Marketing Methods.

The Japanese export marketing methods are declared to favourably compare with the British. A serious investigation on the question of freight rates on raw wool imported into Britain, and finished exports, particularly to the Far East, is urged. Japanese competition in the wool markets will certainly increase and the British wool and textile industry must take steps to meet it and ensure that the cotton trade experience is not repeated.

British Representation Unsatisfactory.

After reference to the United States and German imports into Japan and Japanese distribution the Mission cannot avoid the conclusion that Japan will henceforth offer but little attraction for foreign merchant houses except in special limited goods which are not produced in Japan, and it considers that the representation of British manufacturers in Japan is unsatisfactory. It states that British manufacturers would be in a much better position to offer suitable products if they employed and acted on the advice of efficient representatives and if principals unfortunately does not study market requirements whereas her competitors do. A common complaint is stated to be the lack of attention to proper advertisement, the use of suitable catalogues, proper packing and labelling.

China Market.

British publicity is far behind the times and is ineffective compared with that of her competitors. The Mission had not failed to notice in the Far East signs of propaganda on the part of other nations, the effect of which harmful to British interests. "We commend this subject to the British Government for consideration."

Turning to the China market to which many of the foregoing observations also applied the Mission says Britain's immediate problem is whether she can produce low and medium qualities of goods at low prices, and it recommends the British Government to forthwith summon a conference to study the financial and industrial interests and to explore the possibilities of participation in the development of China which would open up new markets.

"Educate China to Our Methods."

Under the heading of metals and metal manufactures the Report says that the co-operation of financial interests is essential in order to counteract financial penetration by the United States. "If we are to fight a winning battle for the China trade we must educate China to our methods and products."

It is observed in the course of suggestions offered that a "general" agent without an expert is usually a mere order taker and not an order getter; it also recommends the organisation of British machinery exporters into groups to prevent wasteful inter-British competition, and to strengthen British representation, which must be given close representation. The Mission feels it is a matter of urgent necessity.

(Continued on next Column.)

DEATH OF BRITISH AIR ACE.

SEQUEL TO FARNBOROUGH CRASH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 7. The famous British airman, Flight-Lieut. Waghorn, winner of the Schneider Trophy in 1929, died this morning as the result of injuries he received when he was flying with a test pilot near Farnborough when the plane crashed in a gale. The airman, who jumped from the plane in parachutes, was picked up half a mile from the machine. Both airman were injured.

AEROPLANES COLLIDE. PILOTS SAVED BY PARACHUTES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 6. Parachutes saved the lives of two Royal Air Force pilots who were taking part in exercises in which two Squadrons of Aeroplanes were engaged at Aldershot. Two aeroplanes collided and crashed from a height of about 3,000 feet. Both pilots jumped clear and by the aid of parachutes landed safely.

GRAFT ZEPPELIN'S NORTH POLE FLIGHT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, May 6. The North Pole will be assailed simultaneously by air and water this summer, according to an announcement by Dr. Eckener that the Graf Zeppelin was definitely timing her flight to coincide with the arrival of Sir Herbert Wilkins on the submarine Nautilus.

The Zeppelin will carry a complete Polar equipment, and eight or nine scientists and Arctic explorers, of German, British, American and Russian nationalities.

city to promote more intimate cultural relationship between China and Britain for the purpose of attracting Chinese students to British universities and workshops. The Department of Overseas Trade should summon a conference at an early date at which British universities and business men, interested in the China trade, should be represented.

The same department is also recommended to convene an early conference at which British bankers, industrialists, exporters, and merchant houses interested in the Far Eastern market should be represented for the purpose of enquiring into complaints of inadequacy of British finance to meet the needs in the Japanese market and decide on desirable action. The conference should consider the question of the provision of long-term credits for the export of machinery equipment to China. "It is clear that the Chinese Government and the nation have set their faces towards a policy of industrialising China and British capital should play its part in this development."

Stabilisation of Silver.

The stabilisation of silver should be sought by every means (says the Report) thus restoring China to her full purchasing power. Britain should take the leading part in attaining the necessary international agreement thereon.

The Report confirms the Cotton Mission's recommendations and further is of the opinion that "No industry which is so dependent on exports as the British cotton industry is can continue to exist unless it is fully competitive with other countries." Whatever steps are necessary to prevent a calamitous further decline in the Lancashire cotton industry, due to cheaper Japanese production, must be taken without delay.

The Mission recommends the establishment of a British service of specialists, or experts, in countries which are undeveloped or where British trade shows the greatest decline. This service should report direct to the Department of Overseas Trade and the personnel be recruited from first class men. Secondly, export firms should consider without delay whether the method of grouping for export purposes can be profitable and applied to themselves.

SCARBOROUGH BYE-ELECTION.

CONSERVATIVES RETAIN SEAT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 7. The bye-election at Scarborough, caused owing to the resignation of the Conservative representative, Captain Herbert, due to ill-health, resulted as follows:—
Mr. Latham (Conservative) 21,618
Mr. Ramsay Muir (Liberal) 19,429
Conservative majority 2,189

BOMBAY EXPRESS SMASH.

ENGINE AND COACHES DERAILED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BHUBAVAL, May 7. The engine and all the coaches of the Bombay-Peshawar Express were derailed near Lasalgaon, 150 miles from Bombay. Details are not yet available.

No Casualties.

The express was derailed when crossing a bridge. There were no casualties.

An inspection of the track revealed that some fish-plates had been removed.

UPROAR IN AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

MR. LYONS GREETED WITH FROTHBLOWER'S ANTHEM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, May 7. The singing of the "Frothblower's Anthem" greeted the appearance in Parliament of the United Party leader, ex-Treasurer Lyons.

Mr. Lyons was subsequently greeted with hooting and violent crossfire questioning when he rose in the House of Representatives to give notice of a motion in the name of the new party condemning the Government's failure to take steps to safeguard the Commonwealth against national default.

Mr. Scullin replied bitterly attacking Mr. Lyons and offering to take the motion immediately but Mr. Lyons declined.

WATER SPEED BOAT RACING.

KAYE DON TO ATTEMPT TO BEAT HIS OWN RECORD.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 6. Kaye Don, who will endeavour to beat his own water speed record of 163 miles an hour at the motor boat Regatta on Lake Garda, on May 18, left London for Italy to-day.

JAPANESE ROYALTY IN OTTAWA.

ROYAL HONOURS AND ESCORT TO STATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OTTAWA, May 6. On their departure for Toronto Prince and Princess Takamatsu were accorded full Royal honours and a military escort to the station, the Prime Minister, Mr. Bennett, seeing them off.

BRITISH WARSHIPS TO VISIT KIEL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 6. The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, said in the House of Commons that two ships of the British Navy would pay an informal visit to Kiel in July and it was hoped that ships of the German Navy would visit the United Kingdom when their programme permitted.

ARCTIC SEARCH FOR MR. COURTAULD.

AHRENBURG LANDS ON GREENLAND ICE CAP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

REYKJAVIK, May 6. "It must be considered impossible to find Courtauld from an aeroplane," is the extract of a message from London received by the Icelandic inspection ship Odinn at Lemon Base. Courtauld's position is given as latitude 67.03 north, and longitude 41.49 west.

ANAGASLAV, May 7. Ahrenburg, who left here accompanied by Correns (a member of the Watkins' expedition), has wireless reporting that he landed on the Greenland ice cap after three hours flying, and that he will continue the search for Courtauld on foot as soon as weather permits.

EXTRALITY NEGOTIATIONS.

TO BE RESUMED IN AUGUST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, May 7. It is reported that the British, French and American Ministers are planning to go to Peiping but it is stated that they will return to Nanking in August to resume the extrality negotiations.

MR. HENDERSON TO GIVE CONSIDERED REPLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 6. Replying to a supplementary query by Sir Austen Chamberlain, who on behalf of the Conservatives associated himself with the tribute to Sir Miles Laurence, Mr. Henderson said he would very seriously consider Sir Austen Chamberlain's suggestion that he lay on the table the papers showing the course of the negotiations and the attitude taken up by different parties. Mr. Henderson reiterated that they were not without hope that even now they might be able to proceed to a settlement, and he would take this into consideration at the same time. If Sir Austen Chamberlain desired to put down a question, he would give him a considered reply.

Sir Kingsley Wood asked whether it was a fact that the Chinese Government had issued regulations purporting to deal with the adjudication for foreign cases in their own Courts, and Mr. Henderson said he had seen a Press report of a set of regulations which he supposed to be official, but he had no information on the subject. If Sir Kingsley Wood put down a question for next week, he would see if he could get an answer in the meantime.

H.K. CIVIL SERVANTS' SALARIES.

STATEMENT BY DR. D. SHIELDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 6. Dr. Drummond Shields, replying in the House of Commons, estimated that there were approximately 830 Civil Servants in Hong Kong who suffered from a reduction of income calculated in dollars amounting to sixteen and two-thirds per cent. in consequence of the new method of converting sterling salaries into dollars.

Dr. Shields repudiated that this was tantamount to a breach of contract and drew attention to the serious financial position of Hong Kong.

He said that arrangements were being made to make a readjustment easy and possible for those remitting part of their salaries home.

MORE 'QUAKES IN NEW ZEALAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WELLINGTON, N.Z., May 6. An alarming series of earthquakes shocks throughout the Hawke Bay district occurred at 2.30 a.m. to-day, causing little structural damage but many indoor breakages. People are pouring out into the open.

AUSTRO-GERMAN CUSTOMS TREATY.

RUMANIA BREAKS OFF NEGOTIATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

VIENNA, May 7. There was a sequel to Rumania's suddenly breaking off of the negotiations regarding the Commercial Treaty with Germany when the German representatives were already en route to Bukharest.

The German Chargé d'Affaires at Bukharest informed the Rumanian Foreign Office that the German Government was "painfully surprised," particularly owing to the Rumanian Foreign Minister's threat to issue an unpleasant communiqué should the German Delegation arrive during the Little Entente Conference. Rumania's note and volte-face are possibly attributable to repercussions in Paris and Little Entente Countries of the projected Austro-German Customs union.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, May 6. Asked for a statement regarding the present position of the negotiations of the Austro-German Customs Union, Mr. Henderson said that he understood that negotiations were suspended pending the discussion which would take place at Geneva during the present month.

CAIRO STATION FRACAS.

EX-PREMIERS ATTEMPT TO ENTER STATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAIRO, May 7. Ex-Premiers Nahas Pasha and Mahmud Pasha again attempted this morning to entrain for the provinces to conduct a campaign to boycott the elections.

They approached the station at the head of a procession of motor-cars but were prevented from entering the station by a strong force of police.

Nahas Pasha harangued the crowd briefly and then the motor-cars drove off.

S.S. HIGHLAND HOPE ECHO.

APPEAL AGAINST INQUIRY FINDING ALLOWED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 7. The Admiralty Divisional Court allowed the appeal of the owners of the Nelson Line regarding the Highland Hope, which was wrecked in a fog off the coast of Portugal on November 19, 1930, against the finding of the Court of Inquiry with reference to the Captain's age.

LAND TAX PASSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 6. In the House of Commons the Land Tax proposals passed were by 229 votes to 230.

BRITISH COMMODITY PRICES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUGBY, May 7. The check of the rate of decline in wholesale prices as measured at the Board of Trade which was noted for March continues. The index number for April is 63.8—a fall of only 0.2 per cent. from the index figure for March.

The fall in February was 0.6 and in March 0.3 per cent.

In several groups of commodities, chiefly food the April price change is actually a small increase. The importance of the movement which these figures indicate, is recognised in comments by the financial editor of the Times on the present situation. He emphasises that no improvement in industrial securities can be looked for until the actual rise in commodity prices begins.

CHIANG VISITS HU HAN MIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, May 7. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek yesterday visited Mr. Hu Han Min, who is reported to have telegraphed to Mr. Koo Ying Fan at Canton imploring him to refrain from starting strife.

CENSORSHIP OF THE PRESS IN CANTON.

CHIANG'S STATEMENT CAUSES ANXIETY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 7. Consequent upon the enforcement of rigid censorship over newspapers and magazines here since the coup was launched, journalists and newspaper reporters in Canton are again experiencing a great deal of difficulty. It is a policy of the new Canton régime to permit no pro-Chiang Kai Shek propaganda in any shape or form. In order to present a united front against the "autocrat of Nanking" in the field of publicity according to the authorities, no news should be published unless it has been sanctioned by the censor.

The Canton military authorities in co-operation with the Bureau of Public Safety called a meeting of the local newspapers yesterday and explained to them the importance of controlling the Press at this time. The co-operation and help of the newspapermen and publicists in their fight for the overthrow of Chiang Kai Shek has been earnestly solicited.

The Canton Journalists' Association, while agreeing to such censorship as a war time necessity, objected to the censor's suppression of news which was correct and authentic. This has happened time and again, and the Association hopes that the Government will think it over again before denying reports which are true.

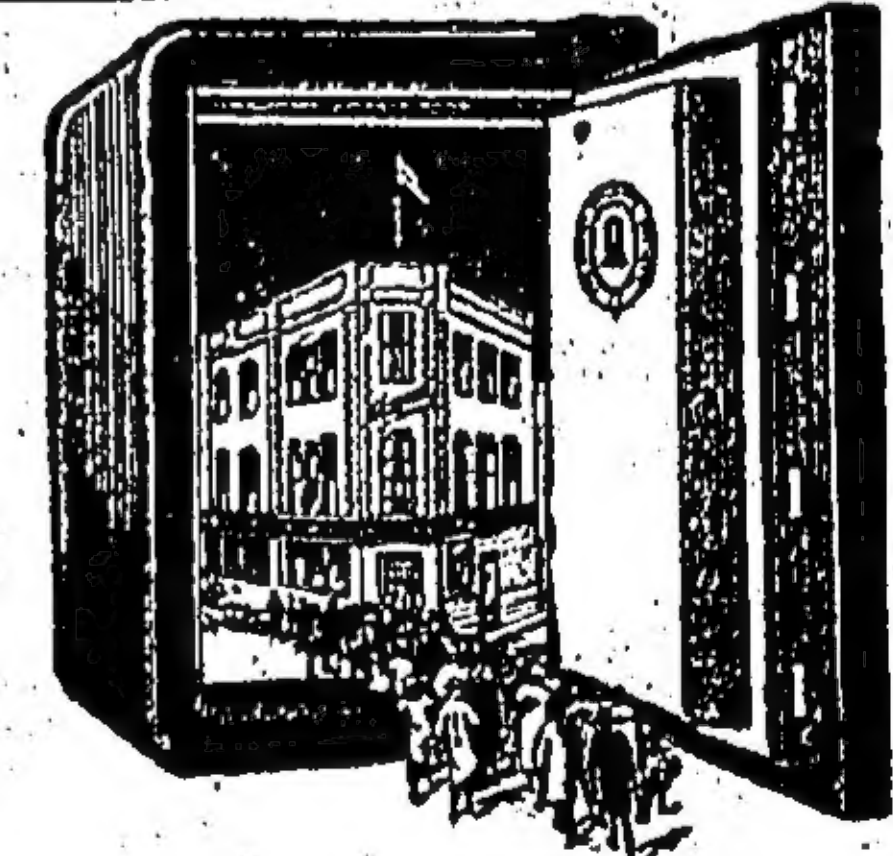
To Guard Against Spies.

Considerable anxiety is being felt in official circles here over a recent statement made by Marshal Chiang Kai Shek to the effect that he would have the Canton situation under control speedily, without having to recourse to arms. This is taken to mean that the Nanking Marshal is to regain Kwangtung through political means. Subversive propaganda aiming at the undermining of the public must therefore be carefully guarded against, according to the authorities. A group of detectives from Military Headquarters has been sent out to watch for any spies the Nanking Marshal might send here to sow seeds of discord.

ARSENAL WORKING AT HIGH SPEED.

In compliance with the order of General Chen Tsai Tong, the Government Arsenal at Shekchong in the north-western outskirts of Canton is again working day and night, speeding up the production of arms and ammunition. The Arsenal is heavily guarded by trusted troops of Colonel Chen Hon Kwong, recently withdrawn from Wuchow, and no one is allowed to approach it, unless on business. According to an official report the amount of arms and ammunition turned out daily has been doubled.

General Chen Tsai Tong is most anxious of enlisting the support of "the two crack divisions of Kwangtung" under Generals Chiang Kwong Nani and Tsoi Ting Kai in his revolt for the overthrow of Chiang Kai Shek. These two crack divisions, the conquerors of the "Ironsides," all Cantonese, which have been suppressing Communists and bandits in Kiangsi, are now reported to have concentrated in Kanchow and Kwongchow.



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TENNIS EXHIBITIONS.

ANDREWS BEATEN AT SINGLES.
SPARKLING DOUBLES.

Andrews, the visiting star, brought the series of exhibitions at the Hong Kong Cricket Club to a successful close yesterday afternoon. He appeared for the first time at Singles, and later took part in a doubles exhibition. Tremendous interest was again taken in his performance, as evidenced by the large crowd present who were rewarded with seeing him produce his best exhibition in the very last match.

At Singles, Andrews rather disappointed the gallery by failing to strike his true form, with the result that C. A. L. Runjahn, the local champion, emerged victorious by the creditable score of 6-2, 6-1. The visitor, whose blister on his right hand first finger still inconvenienced him somewhat, could not get his touch, being noticeably weak in picking up his opponent's short balls, which he repeatedly drove into the net. In consequence he showed an apparent lack of confidence, resulting in most of his shots being short. He treated the gallery, however, to some smart shots, which earned for him rounds of applause. His follow-up to the net after service was the most spectacular part of the singles exhibition, while he employed his back hand with severity. On the whole, it is only fair to state, he only showed a glimpse of what he is really capable of when in good health and form, and yesterday's performance could not be taken as representing his standard at all.

Runjahn Cool.

Runjahn, however, is to be congratulated on his success against such a reputed player. Playing with his accustomed coolness, he delighted his supporters by taking the first five games, and although afterwards beaten occasionally by Andrews's heavy strokes, he never relaxed his own game. He remained at the baseline most of the game.

Subsequently, Runjahn matched M. W. Lo in another singles, to give Andrews a little respite for the doubles exhibition. Both gave a creditable performance, the former taking a set at 6-2.

Andrews Picks Up.

Andrews and Sullivan then matched the Runjahn cousins at doubles. To the delight of the gallery, Andrews gave a brilliant all round exhibition. He employed his strokes at will, served with speed and accuracy volleyed with force and beating the Indians repeatedly by hard driving both in the middle of the court and at the side lines. In the four matches that he took part in his performance in this match was by far the best. He was most dangerous at the net, scoring many points in spectacular manner with his backhand which he demonstrated he could employ with impunity. Sullivan ably backed him up.

The Runjahn cousins played pluckily, and succeeded in dividing two sets, when play had to be abandoned on account of falling light. The first set went to the British pair at 10-8, while the Indians took the second at 7-5. Both sets produced a keen struggle in which each pair had the lead alternately.

YACHTING.

FIFTH MID-WEEK RACE.

Course.—1, Channel Rocks (P.); 2, Kowloon Rock (P.); 3, Mark on Line (S.); 4, Ramsey Shoal (S.). Distance: 4.4.

"Y" and "G" Classes.
(Started at 5.30 p.m.)

Pos.	Yacht	Time
1.	Why Wonder?	0.50.34
2.	Bluejacket, Mrs. Adams	0.50.54
3.	Bo o jom, Mrs. Pickering	0.51.03
4.	Speedwell, Maj. Stewart	0.53.38
5.	Daphne, Lt.-Col. Stokes	0.49.15
6.	Dylan, Lt.-Col. K.	0.49.15
7.	Dunsterville, D.S.O., R.N.	0.51.49

ATHLETIC MEETING POSTPONED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 7.—The 12th annual athletic meet of the Province of Kwangtung, which was scheduled to take place in Canton beginning from May 25, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the present political situation, coupled with the depreciation of the Central Bank of China notes.

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

CROUCHER & CO.'S DAILY REPORT.

There was not much activity in the market to-day and prices were perhaps a shade easier, but there was no pressure to sell at all.

Insurances were again in demand. Cantsins having buyers at \$1,400 and Unions at \$640 with sellers for the latter at \$615.

Docks continue in request at \$80.

Hotels came to business at \$15.40 for settlement and Realty at \$11.00.

Lands are steady at \$91.25 after sales at \$91.

Trans remain firm at \$19.50.

The announcement of the China Light passing its interim dividend should not pass as unexpected, and it suited a section of the market to see lower rates. Shares changed hands at as low as \$25 June, but holders are not inclined to sell in view of the new issue which we understand is to be made shortly.

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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY REPORT FOR 1930.

A PROFIT OF \$133,000 ON THE YEAR'S WORKING OF BRITISH SECTION.

STEADY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The annual report for the year 1930 of the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway states that a net revenue was obtained from the working of \$133,000, compared with \$128,000 in 1929.

Three new locomotives were brought into use, and despite a speed restriction of 20 m.p.h. over the Chinese section for the last five months of the year a punctual and regular service was maintained, from January 7, when a damaged bridge on the Chinese section was finally repaired.

Nearly two million passengers were carried during the year, and casualties amounted to one passenger killed, one slightly injured, and two trespassers killed.

NEARLY TWO MILLION PASSENGERS.

Effect of Silver Crisis.

The year 1930 was remarkable for the disastrous fall in the value of silver, and as the Railway is situated in a Colony which employs a silver currency, this fact must be given due consideration when comparing the Report for 1930 with those of previous years.

The fall in the exchange value of the Hong Kong dollar during the latter part of 1929 and the early part of 1930, so enhanced the cost of living that it became necessary to revise salaries and wages by approximately 15 per cent. on sterling salaries and 20 per cent. on dollar ones, as from January 1, 1930. This together with the increasing costs of all stores and materials imported from gold standard countries, seriously increased the cost of operating expenses.

Notwithstanding these adverse circumstances, and the fact that Operating Expenses increased by \$88,945 over those of 1929, net Revenue amounted to \$133,000 as compared with \$128,000 for the previous year.

Passengers and Speed.

The numbers of through passengers between Kowloon and Canton, showed during the first half of the year a slight decline compared with the figures for the same period in 1929, and during the latter part of the year, fell off considerably in comparison, owing to the Chinese Section being obliged to impose severe speed restrictions over portions of their line from the middle of June on account of the condition of their track, thus increasing the duration of the journey from 4 to 5½ hours and causing an immediate drop in the numbers of through passengers. The Chinese Section however procured sufficient soft wood sleepers by the end of August to enable the journey to be performed in 4½ hours; the numbers of through passengers then recovered, and the numbers travelling by the higher classes showed considerable improvement.

Later in the year the Chinese Section arranged for a large supply of hardwood sleepers for the purpose of rehabilitating their track at the earliest possible date, but deliveries only began in December.

The second suspension of through traffic, referred to in the Report for 1929, continued until January 7, after which date it is satisfactory to record that there were no further suspensions for the rest of the year.

All through express trains continued to be hauled by British Section engines.

The three new special 4-4-0 tender type locomotives ordered on behalf of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, and referred to in last year's Report, arrived in the Colony in August and September and were all erected and ready for trials by the middle of December. It was not found possible, however, to bring these engines into use at once for the purpose intended, as the track over the Chinese Section had not been sufficiently improved to allow of the trials necessary under the agreement before handing the engines over to traffic.

It had been hoped that the rehabilitation of the track on the Chinese Section would have been completed before the end of the year, thus allowing normal speeds to be resumed, or even improved upon, and the new engines being brought into use immediately after erection and completion of trials, but the order for the large number of new sleepers necessary for this purpose was delayed. The first monthly consignment arrived in the middle of December and regular deliveries are expected to be continued to the end of June, 1931. It may however be possible to improve the timetable before that date.

Local Passenger Traffic again showed an improvement on the previous year's figures of nearly 9 per cent. in the numbers carried and nearly 13 per cent. in receipts. Local Goods Traffic showed a decrease of 82,000, partly due to the general depression of trade.

In consequence of continuous heavy rain endangering the stability of certain cuttings, 2,500 cubic yards

of earth were removed from Hung Hom and Yau-mai and used for making up shrinkages in embankments. A start on the widening of the platform at Yau-mai Station was also made.

Sleepers.

The manufacture of reinforced concrete sleepers was curtailed in April as the stock at that time was considered adequate. Only 3,550 sleepers were cast in 1930, against 8,280 in 1929.

Of 6,901 sleeper renewals, 6,172 were relaid with concrete sleepers, and 489 principally for point and crossing work, were relaid with timber.

Rotten wooden sleepers to the number of 4,200 were sold as firewood, and some 30 tons of scrap iron were collected and disposed of.

Consent.

Consent was also granted the Hong Kong Telephone Company to carry a trunk telephone cable between Hong Kong and Canton along the side of certain sections of the line, and through Beacon Hill Tunnel, but no work was actually executed during the year.

Traffic.

The year 1930 whilst causing disappointment through inability to reduce the through journey to 3½ hours as had been thought possible, nevertheless has shown that given a regular and punctual service of trains between the two cities, an ever increasing proportion of the passenger traffic can be obtained.

The results of the second half year's working were interesting in view of the fact that a speed restriction of 20 miles per hour over the Chinese Section, imposed from June 29, was still in force on a portion of the Chinese Section line at the close of the year.

It has been the practice in recent years to convey any goods offering, by passenger trains, by attaching the goods wagons in the rear and supplemented by open wagons termed pick-up wagons for pigs, vegetables, etc. The consequent delay to the passenger trains had reached a state which made it a source of continual complaint by the public, and commencing on February 18 an experiment was made by running a "mixed" train to which goods and articles likely to delay the ordinary passenger trains were confined; the pick-up wagons being almost entirely withdrawn from the passenger trains.

The figures of passengers carried during the year showed considerable increases. They were as follows:—

	1930.	1929.
Local	870,078	895,579
Foreign	537,002	901,840

There was no appreciable difference in the figures for foreign goods traffic, whilst those for local goods were less by \$2,000.

Accidents.

The list of accidents was much lighter than usual:—

Locomotive derailments	1
Coach derailments	0
Wagon derailments	4
Split points	0
Buffer-stop collisions	1
Train collisions	0
Shunting collisions	1
Level crossing gates bent	1

Other accidents involved:—

	Death.	Injury.	Slight Injury.
to passengers	1	0	1
to railway servants	0	0	0
to trespassers	2	0	0

The engine derailment occurred at Tai-po Market siding owing to the settlement of the new bank disarranging the trap point connections.

The one passenger death was the result of a passenger from a Chinese Section local train crossing the tracks at Shum Chur whilst a British Section engine was shunting through the station.

Accounts.

The net revenue amounted to \$133,000.47 as against \$128,000 for 1929. Unfortunately the claim for the suspension of through traffic for the first seven days of the year, amounting to \$3,944.88, was not settled and therefore could not be included in the Revenue Account.

The Depreciation Charges on Rolling Stock in respect of the current year are in accordance with the scale laid down in the Classification of Expenditure prescribed by the Ministry of Communications.

Peking, and accepted by the Chinese Government Railway under the Ministry of Railways, Nanking, and a sum of \$88,700.00 is included in the Operating Expenses, Maintenance of Equipment, under the usual sub-heads; the amount at the credit of Depreciation Reserves at the close of the year being \$877,359.32.

The amount provided for the year 1930 under Special Expenditure was \$175,900.

At the close of the year, the Capital Account stood at \$20,322,031.70. The amount provided under Personal Emoluments was \$283,735 and the Expenditure \$233,269.55, an increase of \$50,465.55. This was due to the revision of the salaries of both European and Chinese Staff by the Salaries Commission and also to the fall in the exchange to 1/2½, while the estimates were based on 1/3 to the dollar.

The estimate for Other Charges was \$472,331 and the Expenditure \$501,414.01 or \$29,082.09 less than the amount provided.

HONG KONG IMPORTS.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1925 AND 1931.

SPECIFIED COMMODITIES.

We give below a comparative table, compiled by the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department, of the volume of merchandise imported into Hong Kong during the first quarters of 1925 and 1931. The table covers all commodities which are strictly comparable—

	1st Quarter, 1925.	1st Quarter, 1931.
Building Materials:—		
Bricks and tiles	1,174,565	7,230,204
Cement	502,469	787,122
Glass	1,218,895	2,374,827
Timber	1,151,741	625,643
Chemicals and Drugs:—		
Acids	4,027	4,420
Others	63,532	29,143
Dyeing and Tanning Materials:—		
Total	35,023	45,511
Foodstuffs:—		
Beans	179,000	377,124
Fish	350,110	182,167
Flour	586,634	435,264
Cereals	5,875,391	2,075,850
Beacon, ham, beef, mutton	484,408	643,592
Sugar	737,050	1,684,734
Onions	6,550	4,389
Potatoes	18,354	5,501
Dried vegetables	10,050	74,005
Total	7,527,855	5,720,174
Fuels:—		
Charcoal	33,891	61,604
Coal	230,132	151,444
Firewood	120,071	327,830
Metals and Manufactures:—		
Brass	4,210	10,315
Copper	2,600	1,706
Iron and steel	319,623	585,859
Tin plates	54,010	35,577
Tin snails, etc.	57,269	42,505
Lead	12,407	10,068
Zinc	2,527	4,959
Other	2,523	20,235
Total	457,439	721,044
Manures:—		
Sulphate of ammonia	45,963	396,359
Minerals and ores:—		
Total	2,714	65,745
Nuts and Seeds:—		
Nuts	172,503	107,410
Seeds	45,085	37,235
Total	218,253	144,645
Oils and Fats:—		
Petrol	506,102	1,417,820
Kerosene	12,087,082	9,016,938
Others	137,402	178,400
Pigeon Goods:—		
Cottons	273,016	443,870
Do.	32,424,404	43,310,101
Woolen blankets	226,524	543,360
Silk piece goods	2,015	3,055
Cotton yarn	8,360,700	6,151,555
Vehicles:—		
Motor cars, lorries, etc.	109	100
Motor cycles	27	7
Sundries:—		
Gunnies	3,432,253	8,307,416
Flasks	230,121	137,756
Hides and skins	9,143	15,108
Leathers (sole)	20,463	14,758
Chinese papers	4,700	30,979
Old newspapers	79,444	83,710
Rattans	45,030	30,721
Rubber raw	2,011	6,764
Salt	109,350	100,915

SUBURBAN KOWLOON.

HOMELY TOUCH AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

With evidence of its gradually becoming a shopping centre, the springing up of large residential flats and apartment houses, and the European atmosphere generally to be found on the Peninsula, the fact is brought home to us that Kowloon is slowly but surely developing into a vast suburb of Hong Kong, a suburb similar to any to be seen around and about our larger towns at home.

And a recent innovation at St. Andrews Church is helping to make this suburban atmosphere more than possible.

We understand that the wooden cores of the hammers used for striking the church bells were lately overhauled and renovated, thereby greatly improving the tone of the bells. But St. Andrews has gone one further and, having acquired the services of an artist in bell manipulation, we are now given the pleasure on Sunday evenings of hearing many old melodies and airs familiar to us since our childhood. Truly a delightful reminder of the homeland.

Mr. W. H. C. Robinson has been responsible for the renovation of the bells, while Mr. J. J. Moore, of H.M.S. Hermes, is the bell ringer.

UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAI.

WOMAN FINED \$50 AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Wong Shim, a tailor's wife, was charged before Mr. Schofield at Central Magistracy yesterday with bringing an unregistered mui-tai into the Colony.

Defendant, denying that the girl was a mui-tai, declared that she employed her at a wage of \$50 a year for the purpose of looking after her aged mother-in-law in the country. She admitted, however, that she had paid \$210 to the girl's parents, which she stated was in the way of security against the girl being sold while she was in her custody.

Mr. Q. A. A. MacEadyen, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, produced a document which he explained was a deed of presentation. It referred to a sum of \$300 paid over to the girl's father in the country a month before the present proceedings. If this sum mentioned was a loan, no interest was paid on the one hand, while, on the other, the girl was paid no wages.

The S.C.A. official further stated that the case came to the notice of the authorities on May 4 when the girl made a complaint at the Central Police Station of ill-treatment by her employers. This allegation was found to be untrue on investigation, the girl's intention being apparently to find some excuse to go back to her mother. Mr. MacEadyen added that the offence was a very serious one but he thought a fine would meet the case. His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 and also made an order for the girl to be restored to her parents.

HIRED BULLIES.

IRATE PARENT AND DAUGHTER'S LOVER.

A resumed case of assault with intent to rob and common assault was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The defendants, Tang Mun and Wong Hang, both pleaded guilty to the second charge and were sentenced to four and six months respectively.

A father and daughter were called upon to tell what they knew of the assault which followed a visit to a theatre by complainant and the girl. The father told of following the two to the theatre and asking the defendants to punish the complainant for courting the girl against his (the father's) wishes. The father did not participate in the fight but he was in the vicinity to see that his instructions were carried out.

Both of the defendants, when called upon to testify, admitted that they struck the complainant and when he called out for help they ran away.

The complainant stated that the defendants had searched his pockets during the brief struggle but there was no proof of this and His Worship dismissed them on that count.

The prosecution stated that there had been several cases of this nature in Kowloon and asked that the defendants be made an example of.

In passing sentence, Mr. Hamilton said that there was no doubt that the men involved were a bad lot; he could have been more in sympathy with them if they had done the act on account of some grievance of their own.

The first defendant had been a member of the Water Police for four years and due to this fact he gave him a lighter sentence.

LEGACY HOAX.

"BENEFICIARIES" CALLED TO A MEETING.

"SOLICITORS" LETTER.

A large number of people in London and Surrey, mostly bearing the surname of Harris, were the victims of a practical joke who anticipated April 1.

They received a letter purporting to come from a firm of solicitors, "Messrs. Thomas and Giffard, Nottingham-place, W. 1," with the telephone numbers Welbeck 1032 and 3726, which read as follows:

"Dear Sir,—We have to inform you that an executor of the estate of John Sebastian Harris, deceased, we are empowered to call a meeting of the legatees under his will, as directed by him in a codicil of that will. At the time of his decease he was a master at Epsom College, consequently the will be read there."

"Can you arrange to be present at this reading, and thus avoid a number of irksome formalities? It will be held at the Bursary, Epsom College, Epsom, Surrey, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. If you are unable to attend kindly communicate either with Mr. Thomas, who will be at the Bursary all day Tuesday, or with the writer at the above address. Yours faithfully,

"F. G. ROWSE."

The telephone numbers are those of Messrs. Tussaud's and the names given as solicitors are those of the Bursar of the College, Major W. L. Giffard, and Mr. S. H. Thomas, one of the housemasters. Throughout the day persons named Harris or with surnames beginning with the letter "G" or "D." Called at the College or telephoned. Mrs. Tussaud's also received many telephone inquiries, and a number of people visited Nottingham-place. It is presumed that the hoaxer, after sending letters to persons of the name of Harris, picked out of the telephone-book names of a number of others beginning with "G" or "D."

No Master of the Name.

Major Giffard, in an interview with a Press representative, said that the whole thing was a hoax. There had been no master named John Sebastian Harris at the school, and there was no firm of solicitors, Thomas and Giffard. "Our opinion," he said, "is that the hoax has been done by someone with an intimate knowledge of the College, possibly by someone who has recently left. In addition to inquiries at the school, there have also been inquiries at the offices of the school in London, and bank managers in Lombard-street, Carshalton, and Chipstead have also received letters."

The Headmaster, Mr. A. C. Powell, said that it was a hoax of the worst possible taste, and had certainly not been perpetrated by anyone in the school. It had caused distress and expense to a great many people.

About 7.30 p.m. a number of people arrived at the College to be informed that they had been hoaxed, among them being professional men, business men, and women. The police are inquiring into the matter.

SINGAPORE STOCK MARKET.

FRASER & CO'S WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. Fraser & Co., Singapore, in their weekly report dated April 29, state as follows:—

Stagnant conditions have prevailed in all sections of the local share market since our last report and although no particular selling pressure is noticeable, prospective investors are maintaining a waiting attitude meanwhile. The estimate of Tin shipments from the Straits for the month has now been reduced to 8,000 tons, but a fairly heavy carry-over is forecasted, and the price of the metal is declining, the three months' position now being quoted at £100 per ton.

Stocks of Rubber in the United Kingdom continue to increase, a further addition of 1,040 tons being recorded this week, and the Rubber share market remains entirely nominal meantime.

Industrials can be quoted as barely steady and Straits Traders, Robinsons and Malayan Collieries have all declined over the week. The subscription lists for the recent flotation of Malayan Breweries, Ltd., were closed on the 27th instant.

Mining.—Sungei Luas have remained very steady and were taken at 81.02, business also being done in Kinta Tin Dredges at 97 and 98 cents, Kuchais 63 cents, Penawats 52½–53½ cents, Malaya Consolidated 17½ cents, Petalings 33.55 and Puchongs 12½. There are further buyers of Sungei Luas, at slightly under the above figure and Petalings are wanted at 33.00, also small lots of Sionas at 6½. Temenong has buyers at 2½ with shares on offer at 3½ and there is an enquiry for Tropics at 13½, whilst

DIVIDENDS.

NAME	Dividend	Total for year to date	Date Ends	Payable close	Books
South British Ins.	1s. 4d. int.	1s. 4d. Aug. 31	23.4.31		
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April 22	2½d.	£112. 3.0	150	\$56.00	
" 23	2½d.	112.15.0	150	56.62½	
" 24	2½d.	112.15.0	150	56.25	
" 25	2½d.	112. 2.6	150	56.00	
" 27	2½d.	—	125	55.7½	
" 29	2½d.	108. 2.6	175	54.50	

bids are wanted for Jebebus, Hong Kong Tins, Hitam Tins, South Tainings and Teja Malayas at or near market rates. Rauls are still a very quiet market with no business passing and Malayan Collieries have continued to decline, being now available at \$27.50, with a buyer at \$27 or slightly over.

Rubbers.—No business can be reported in this section during the week and the only buying indications are for a few Mentakaps, Jimahs and Ulu Pandans with practically all other stocks on offer.

Industrials.—Straits Traders are easier at \$20.75 with a further seller, Straits Steamships were marketed at \$230, with a buyer now at \$217 and a seller at \$210. Other business consisted of Malacca Electric at \$1.75 cum. all, Robinsons from \$7.50 down to \$7.25 and United Engineers at \$7.40. Consolidated Tin Smelter Prefs. are wanted at 18½ and there are the usual enquiries for the other Preference issues with sellers decidedly scarce. Gammon are an uncertain market round \$14.25 ex. div. and Singapore Cold Storages neglected at \$4.85, other stocks being practically unchanged. Hong Kong Banks are firmer on the London Register at £109 middle, an appreciation of £2.10 and Tobacco shares have advanced as the result of the recent Budget statement. Dunlops have declined sharply to 4/9, a loss of 4/3 since our last report on the news that it is proposed to pass the final dividend. Shell Transport \$2.15.6, British-American Tobaccos £4.5, Duffa 2/6 and Imperial Tobaccos £4.12.6.

Further light has been thrown on the report received from Kowloon on Wednesday evening that a Chinese had committed suicide by shooting himself in a room at Hotel Nathan, a Chinese-owned boarding house situated near the Majestic Theatre.

SUICIDE IN HOTEL.

STORY OF KOWLOON TRAGEDY.

It appears that the victim was Li Wan Chung, a servant in the employ of the European Sergeants' Mess at Central Police Station. The revolver, belonging to Sergeant Davies, had been left in a chest of drawers, and when it was found to be missing at about 8 p.m., a report was circulated to the various stations.

After leaving the Central Police Station, Li Wan Chung went straight to Hotel Nathan, where he engaged a room on the top floor by paying a deposit of \$2.80. He ordered a pot of tea and shut himself in. Shortly afterwards a shot was heard. An attempt was made by the employees to enter the room from which groans were heard, but the door was bolted from the inside.

Police officers from Yampai were soon on the scene and they found the man with a bullet wound in his stomach. He was removed to hospital where he died an hour later. The revolver was identified as the weapon which was missed by Sergeant Davies.

A letter found in the room stated that he intended to commit suicide and asked that the revolver be returned to the owner. It is understood that the man had been sick for some time and in a depressed state of mind.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor on SATURDAY, the 16th DAY OF MAY, 1931, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st DECEMBER, 1930, to Elect Auditors, and to Transact such other Business as may be Properly Transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 16th DAY OF MAY, 1931. Both Days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director,
Hongkong 30th April, 1931. [691]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 17th DAY OF MAY, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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Hong Kong, 28th April, 1931, [662]

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHUEN"	On 10th May, 10 a.m.
SAIGON	"CHINIUUA"	On 10th May, Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 10th May, 2.30 p.m.
SHAL, NEWCHOW & DALNY	"LINAN"	On 11th May, 5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 12th May, 10 a.m.
HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 12th May, 2 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 13th May, 5 p.m.
SWATOW, FOCHOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHIAO & TIENTSIN	"KUBIOHOU"	On 16th May, Noon
HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"CHENGTOU"	On 16th May, 11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 17th May, 10 a.m.
SHAL, NEWCHOW & DALNY	"CHENAN"	On 18th May, 5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 18th May, 10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 20th May, 5 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KINGYUAN"	On 23rd May, Noon
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STATION	Time	MAY 6, 1931.					MAY 7, 1931.				
		Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force
Wladivostok	12	29.76	76.0	WNW	3	...	29.73	75.0	WSW	2	...
Nemuro	11	29.92	76.0	SSW	1	...	29.73	75.0	SW	3	...
Hakodate	...	30.12	76.0	SSE	1	...	29.98	76.1	S	1	...
Tokyo	...	30.26	76.5	SE	1	...	30.06	76.5	SW	1	...
Kobe	...	30.12	76.5	S	2	...	29.96	76.1	SSE	4	...
Nagasaki	...	30.12	76.5	S	2	...	30.02	76.5	S	0	...
Kagoshima	...	30.16	76.0	S	3	...	29.95	76.1	SE	1	...
Oshima	...	30.10	76.5	E	3	...	29.94	76.0	E	1	...
Naha	...	30.02	76.5	SE	3	...	29.89	75.9	SE	2	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.96	76.1	ENE	2	...	29.92	76.0	E	2	...
Bonin Island	...	30.10	76.5	NW	4	...	30.01	76.2	W	1	...
Shanghai	15	29.80	75.9	WNW	4	...	30.09	76.2	NNW	4	...
Chongqing	14	29.82	75.7	SSE	7	...	30.22	76.7	N	2	...
Gutzlaff	...	29.76	76.0	E	2	...	30.01	76.1	ENE	8	...
Wenchow	...	29.86	75.8	E	2	...	29.69	75.9	N	2	...
Amoy	...	29.82	75.7	SSE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	...	29.88	75.9	E	2	...	29.84	75.8	...	...	...
Taihou	11	29.87	75.8	NW	5	...	29.80	75.7	SE	2	...
Taipei	...	29.87	75.8	SW	4	...	29.82	75.7	E	2	...
Tainan	...	29.89	75.9	E	4	...	29.82	75.7	E	2	...
Koshu	...	29.87	75.8	E	0	...	29.80	75.7	E	2	...
Pescadore	...	29.78	75.9	ENE	3	...	29.78	75.8	SW	1	...
Hong Kong	14	29.78	75.8	ESE	4	...	29.78	75.8	NW	5	...
Gap Rock	...	29.74	75.5	SE	2	...	29.79	75.6	NNW	4	...
Macao	...	29.78	75.6	SE	2	...	29.77	75.6	ESE	4	...
Hoihow	...	29.67	75.7	SSE	4	...	29.84	75.8	W	5	...
Prata Island	...	29.67	75.8	SE	2	...	29.72	75.4	...	...	...
Flouion	...	29.75	75.6	SSW	2	...	29.88	75.7	ENE	2	...
Tourao	...	29.79	75.6	ESE	4	...	29.79	75.6	ESE	4	...
Cape St. James	14	29.74	75.6	ENE	4	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Baco	...	29.75	75.5	...	...	...	29.75	75.5	...	...	...
Aparri	...	29.70	75.4	W	4	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Taguigam	...	29.71	75.6	NE	4	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.70	75.4	...	...	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.70	75.4	...	...	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Lagassi	...	29.70	75.4	...	...	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Onaboyog	...	29.70	75.4	...	...	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	29.70	75.4	...	...	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Iloilo	...	29.70	75.4	...	...	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.70	75.4	...	...	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.70	75.4	...	...	...	29.76	75.5	...	...	...
Saipan	11.00	29.78	75.9	...	...	...	29.81	75.7	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.78	75.9	...	...	...	29.81	75.7	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.78	75.9	...	...	...	29.81	75.7	...	...	...
Pelew	...	29.80	75.9	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.80	75.9	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	...	...	...

May 7d. 10A. 40m.—The anticyclone central to the S.W. of Tokio has weakened further.

A new anticyclone has formed over N.E. China.

Conditions over S. China and Indo-China are uncertain.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.09 inch. Total since January 1, 14.87 inches, against an average of 13.38 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON MAY 8.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, moderate to fresh.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamcocks ... N.W. or variable winds, fresh to moderate; generally cloudy, thunder showers.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ...
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ...

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, May 7.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.73	29.87	29.82
Temperature	79	77	79
Humidity	88	79	74
Wind	...	...	...
Direction	E	Calm	Calm
Force	2	0	0
Weather	BO	O	OD
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 81.82
Lowest open-air Temperature, 71.74

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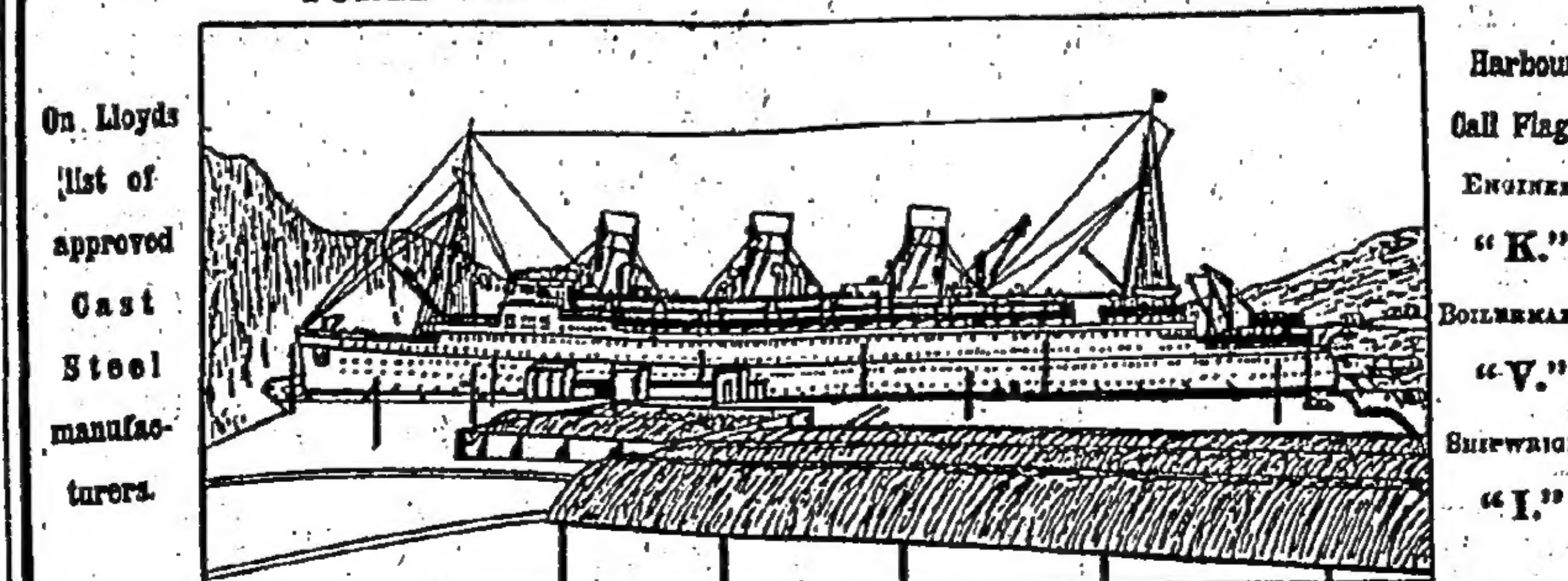
From May 8 to 14, 1931.

Days of Week	Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	8	12.44	6.6	21.21	1.3
Sat.	9	12.36	6.2	23.20	1.4
Sun.	10	14.19	5.8	23.09	1.6
Mon.	11	07.40	4.5	10.30	4.3
Tues.	12	15.29	5.3	23.49	1.7
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG" "SUISANG" "KUTSANG"	Sun., 10th May, at 10 a.m. Sat., 16th May, at 3 p.m. Sat., 6th June, at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"HOSANG" "KUTSANG"	Sun., 10th May, at 7 a.m. Sun., 17th May, at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"YUENSANG"	Sun., 31st May, at 7 a.m.
SANDEKAN	"HINSANG" "MAUSANG"	Wed., 13th May, at Noon Wed., 27th May, at Noon
TIENTSIN via SWATOW & FOCHOW	"CHEONGSHING" "CHIPSANG"	Wed., 13th May, at 7 a.m. Thurs., 21st May, at 7 a.m.

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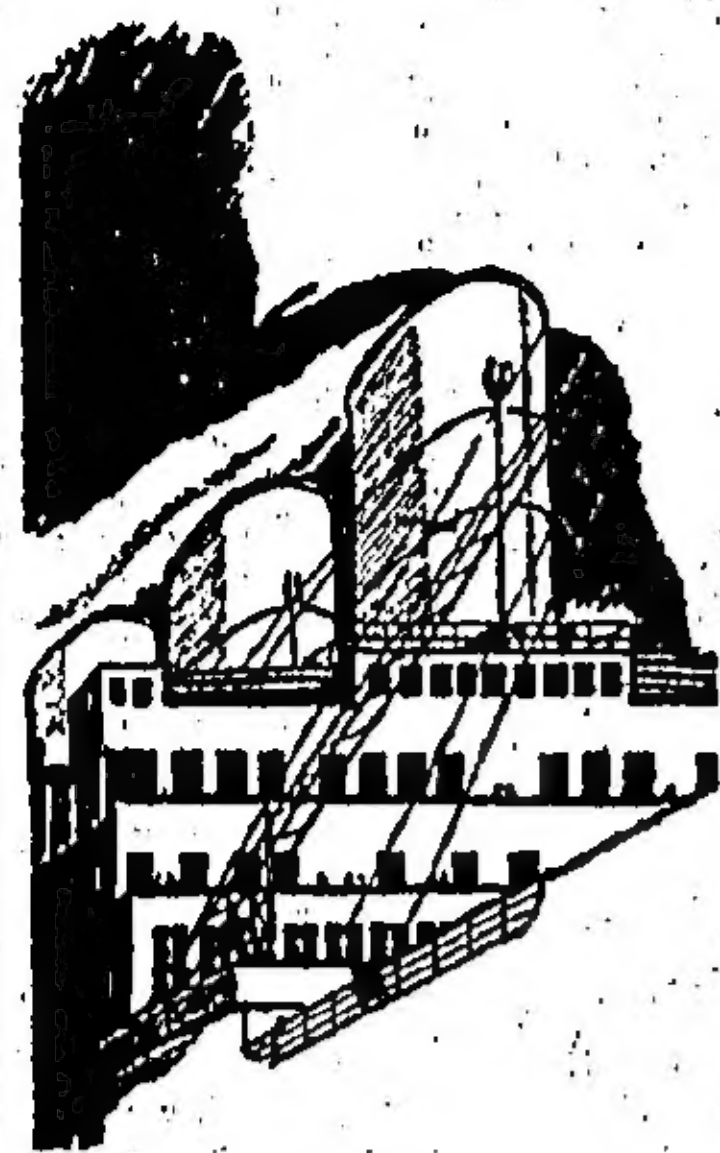
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Ship	Leave	Arrive	Ship	Leave	Arrive
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 16	May 25	May 28
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 30	June 6	June 9
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 8	June 13	June 22	June 25
Empress of Canada	June 23	June 26	June 27	July 3	July 6
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 11	July 20	July 23
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 25	Aug. 2	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 8	Aug. 17	Aug. 20
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 22	Aug. 30	Sept. 2
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Sept. 1	Sept. 6	Sept. 14	Sept. 17
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 19	Sept. 27	Sept. 30
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 15
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 17	Oct. 25	Oct. 28
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 31	Nov. 9	Nov. 12
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 14	Nov. 23	Nov. 26

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HONG KONG—MANILA

Ship	Leave	Arrive
Empress of Japan	May 15	May 17
Empress of Asia	May 23	May 25

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Ship	Leave	Arrive
SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu		
TATSUTA MARU	Wednesday, 12th May	
ASAMA MARU	Wednesday, 27th May	
SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.		
HIYER MARU	Tuesday, 2nd June	
HELAN MARU	Tuesday, 30th June	
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.		
HAKUSAN MARU	Saturday, 16th May	
HARUNA MARU	Saturday, 30th May	
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.		
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 23rd May	
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 27th June	
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.		
IYO MARU	Monday, 11th May	
TOKIWA MARU	Wednesday, 27th May	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.		
RAKUYO MARU	Saturday, 23rd May	
NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.		
KUMA MARU	Monday, 26th May	
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.		
TOYOOKA MARU	Friday, 15th May	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
NAGATO MARU	Saturday, 9th May	
RANGOON MARU	Friday, 15th May	
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.		
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 16th May	
ATSUTA MARU (Nagasaki direct)	Wednesday, 20th May	
MORIOKA MARU	Wednesday, 20th May	

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Sailings from Hong Kong

Ship	Leave	Arrive
To Marseilles via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Djibouti (Aden), Suez, Port Said.		
G. METZINGER	12th May	
SPHINX	28th May	
PORTHOS	9th June	
CHENONORAU	23rd June	
ATHOS II	7th July	
PARAGAN	21st July	
ANDRE LEBON	4th Aug.	
FELIX ROUSSEL	18th Aug.	
To Yokohama via Shanghai and Kobe.		
PORTHOS	11th May	
CHENONORAU	25th May	
ATHOS II	8th June	
PARAGAN	22nd June	
ANDRE LEBON	6th July	
FELIX ROUSSEL	20th July	
G. METZINGER	3rd Aug.	
SPHINX	17th Aug.	

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Shipping News

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 10,300 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
9,700 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Har-
bour Office, of vessels carrying
cargo to the Colony during the 24
hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday
were:—

Ship	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
British		
Kwonggang	400	800
Anshun, Amoy	400	—
Szechuen	—	—
Shanghai	400	800
Huiching	—	—
Fenchow	200	—
Seistan	—	—
Shanghai	800	—
Helikon	—	—
Saigon	2,400	—
American		
Texas	—	—
Shanghai	1,205	1,548
Dutch		
Cremer, Amoy	—	1,450
French		
Song Bo	—	—
Huiphong	710	722
Norwegian		
Haibing	—	—
Singapore	94	—
Japanese		
Canton Maru	—	—
Keelung	700	15
Madras Maru	—	—
Calcutta	985	4,000
Matanyu Maru	—	—
Singapore	215	447
Chinese		
Shun Chih	—	—
Saigon	1,800	—
Total	10,300	9,700

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels
were in port yesterday:—

Wharves:—Kowloon: Baron
Blythwood, Tilawa, Empress of
Russia, Hakodate Maru; Osaka
Shosen Kaisha: Canton Maru;
Douglas Laprak: Haiching.
Docks:—Kowloon: Limchow; Tai-
koo: Sai On, Chinghua, Kinahan,
Wing Lee, Taiyo Maru, Chenan;
Cosmopolitan: Kama.
Buoys:—A: Madras Maru, As
Seng Bo, A7 Tweedbank, A15
Cyren, B3 Kweiyang, B3 Daviken,
Bu Anshun, B15 Kwangchow, B16
Seistan, B17 Haiching, B18 Helikon,
B10 Shunchih, C1 Helias, C2 Henri
Riviere, C3 Kaitangate, C5 Tcho-
kam, C6 Hevar, C7 Horn Maru,
C8 Minato Maru.

CLEARANCES.

May 7.

C. Henri Riviere, for Haiphong.
Emp. of Russia, for Shanghai.
Glenluce, for Singapore.
Hervar, for Bangkok.
Hydranga, for Swatow.
Kashmir, for Shanghai.
Kinchow, for Pakhoi.
Song Bo, for Canton.
Tilawa, for Amoy.
Tweedbank, for Hoilo.

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ARRIVALS.

May 6.

Tweedbank, British str., 3,437 tons,
Capt. T. H. Morgan, from
Taiping, buoy No. A7.—Bank
Line.

May 7.

Bennavon, British str., 3,119 tons,
Capt. Watters, from Singapore,
buoy No. 2.—Gibb,
Livingston & Co.

Glenluce, British str., 4,120 tons,
Capt. Kennett, from Taiping,
buoy No. A1.—J. M. & Co.

Helikon, British str., 1,220 tons,
Capt. W. Anderson, from Sai-
gon, buoy No. B16.—Wo Fat
Sing.

Hydranga, British str., 501 tons,
Capt. P. W. Grierson, from
Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu
On S.S. Co.

Kashmir, British str., 5,354 tons,
Capt. R. G. Axford, from Sin-
gapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M.
M. & Co.

Kinchow, British str., 1,543 tons,
Capt. W. J. Larzer, from Can-
ton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Pong Tong, British str., 1,001 tons,
Capt. R. E. Freckleton, from
Saigon, buoy No. B17.—Yuen
Seng Fat.

Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,251 tons,
Capt. T. Thorbjornsen, from
Saigon, buoy No. B10.—Chang
Tong Ha.

Song Bo, French str., 720 tons,
Capt. Le Chevalier, from Pak-
hoi, buoy No. A6.—Sing Kee &
Co.

Texas, American str., 3,835 tons,
Capt. A. D. Hanson, from
Shanghai, Stonecutters An-
chorage.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Yatching, British str., 1,424 tons,
Capt. C. Alexandre, from Can-
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UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENT

Ship	Leave	Arrive
S.S. "CITY OF ATHENS"	... Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	15th May
S.S. "CITY OF BATAVIA"	... Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	17th June
S.S. "CITY OF BOMBAY"	... London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	10th July

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Ship	Leave	Arrive
M.V. "HUSBANK"	9th June
M.V. "LOSSIEBANK"	14th July

MAURITIUS & SOUTH AFRICA—ORIENTAL AFRICAN LINE

Ship	Leave	Arrive
S.S. "TINHOW"	12th July

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th May, Noon	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"ALIPHOE"	8,573	20th May	Strails, Colombo & Bombay
"BORHUN"	10,122	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"BURDWAN"	10,122	30th May (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	6th June	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	10,601	20th June	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"RAJPUTANA"	8,955	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	4th July	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	18th July	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	25th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	1st Aug.	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	8th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	15th Aug.	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	22nd Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	29th Aug.	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	5th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	12th Sept.	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	19th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	26th Sept.	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	3rd Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	10th Oct.	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	17th Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	24th Oct.	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	31st Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
"KASHMIR"	8,955	7th Nov.	Manr., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,955	14th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles & London

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Ship	Tons	Leave	Destination
"SIRDHANA"	7,745	14th May, 10.30 a.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TILAWA"	10,005	30th May	do.
"SANTHA"	7,745	16th June	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	23rd June	do.
"TAKADA"	8,949	7th July	do.

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"TANDA"	6,956	30th May	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane
"ST. ALBANS"	4,900	1st July	Sydney and Melbourne.
"NELLORE"	6,953	31st July	do.

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via
Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Ship	Tons	Leave	Destination
"KASHMIR"	8,955	8th May, Noon	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May, 8 p.m.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"KASHMIR"	8,955	15th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"SANTHA"	7,745	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama
"TALMA"	10,000	4th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KASHGAR"	8,955	11th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,900	18th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
"PERIM"	7,745	25th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama
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